

Policy on Tobacco, Marijuana, and other substances

Policy #13

In accordance with the Massachusetts Smoke-free Workplace Law which prohibits smoking in schools, restaurants and bars, taxis, private offices, and other places of work, the library prohibits smoking in the library and on the library grounds. This law (MGL chapter 270, section 22, "[An Act to Improve the Public Health in the Commonwealth](#)") went into effect on July 5, 2004 to protect employees and the public from secondhand smoke and amends the 1988 Massachusetts Clean Indoor Air Law.

In addition, the library prohibits the use of tobacco and marijuana products in the library or on library grounds. *Tobacco Product* is defined as a product containing, made or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoke, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed or ingested by any other means including...electronic cigarettes, electronic cigars, electronic pipes, electronic nicotine delivery systems or any other similar products that rely on vaporization or aerosolization, and including any component, part or accessory. Similarly, marijuana products would include any product that contained marijuana such as cigarettes, food substances, or other products made with marijuana.

The use or possession of illegal substances is also prohibited at the library or on the library grounds.

The sale of tobacco, marijuana products, illegal substances, or prescription medication in the library or on library grounds is also prohibited.

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