

Model Smoke-Free Policy for Festivals/Outdoor Events

Purpose Statement

The purpose of this policy is to establish a smoke-free environment for [*name of event(s)*].

According to the U.S. Surgeon General's Report of 2006, the Environmental Protection Agency of 1992, the South Carolina Clean Indoor Air Act of 1990, and the Federal Pro-Children Act of 1994, tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS) are hazardous to the health of human beings.

Smoking or vaping tobacco containing or tobacco-derived products, and other tobacco or non-FDA approved cessation products is prohibited. The smoke-free policy applies to everyone at all times.

Goal

The goal of this policy is to provide and enforce a 100% smoke-free environment for all Event attendees, performers, staff, and volunteers within Event grounds, including but not limited to stages, set-up areas, and parking lots. This goal will be achieved by the Event organizers being supportive in:

- Eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS);
- Exhibiting healthy behavior for all staff, volunteers, performers, attendees and the public; and
- Reducing fire hazards and pollution.

Procedures

- Prohibit the use and/or sale of all tobacco products or paraphernalia in or on any of the grounds.
- Display appropriate signage in all areas (facilities and grounds), and provide the policy in writing (contracts, orientation manuals, etc.). The signs will indicate that smoking and vaping is not permitted anywhere on the Event site.
- Promote the smoke-free policy through press releases, website announcements, public service announcements, printed ticket reminders, Event materials and instructions, Event maps, and all other forms of communication (both internal and external) about the Event.

Education and Assistance

Event leadership/management will be responsible for educating staff, volunteers, performers, and attendees about the policy and provide assistance for compliance.

Enforcement

Event organizers will be responsible for enforcing the smoke-free policy and determining the appropriate sanctions for violations of the smoke-free policy.

Event organizers will determine appropriate disciplinary actions for violations of the policy which may include the following:

- Contractors: written notification of policy violation, possible cancellation of contracts, request to leave property.
- Event staff, volunteers, performers, and attendees: verbal requests to not smoke or vape, request to leave property, and prosecution for disorderly conduct after repeated offenses.

Tobacco Industry Marketing or Sponsorship

[*Name of organization sponsoring event*] will not accept any sponsorships, contributions, gifts, money, or materials from the tobacco industry or related companies.