

Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Policy 3.06 Smoking and Use of Other Tobacco Products	Effective: 12/12/2023
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SMOKING AND USE OF OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS

POLICY

The Board is committed to promoting a healthy environment for the individuals served, as well as the workforce. The Board recognizes that smoking and other tobacco products, including E-cigarettes, are a health hazard. Therefore, smoking and the use of other tobacco products are prohibited in Board facilities, Board vehicles, or when an employee is transporting an individual served in their own vehicle. This prohibition shall extend to all people using the building or vehicles, including but not limited to: employees, individuals served, families, visitors, and volunteers.

Smoking is defined as the use of tobacco products by mouth, through pipes, cigars, and cigarettes and the use of e-cigarettes, regardless of whether they contain tobacco.

The Board in accordance to the Ohio Revised Code Sections 3794.01-3794.09 prohibits smoking that is “immediately adjacent” to entrances and exits of public spaces or places of employment.

Each Board facility shall ensure that tobacco smoke does not enter through any means in any area where smoking is prohibited, including entrances, windows, or ventilation systems. No Smoking signs or symbols are posted. Ashtrays and smoking receptacles are removed from prohibited areas.

The Board encourages all persons to attend smoking cessation programs. As per Ohio law, no student attending school will be permitted to use smoking or smokeless products on school grounds.

The Board will not permit the sale of smoking or smokeless products on its grounds. It will not approve the use of its funds to purchase any tobacco or tobacco related products.

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