

Attachment 10: Parks and Recreation Tobacco-Free Policy

Policy Statement

The City of Sioux Falls is committed to the quality of life for all residents. Therefore, we believe that:

1. Tobacco product use in proximity of children, youth, and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities is unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others.
2. Tobacco products once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, thus posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers and wildlife and causing a litter problem.
3. As parents, leaders, coaches, and officials, we are thought of as role models, and the use of tobacco products around youth has a negative effect on their lifestyle choices.

Tobacco-Free Facilities

The City of Sioux Falls does not allow the use of tobacco products on City-owned playgrounds and facilities where youth activities (under 18 years old) take place. (Activities include softball, baseball, soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, football; facilities include skateboard parks, pools, ice rinks, etc.)

Compliance Procedures

The emphasis on enforcing the tobacco-free park policy is through voluntary compliance.

1. Signs will be posted at City-owned facilities.
2. Youth athletic associations that utilize City-owned facilities have committed to enforcing this policy during all scheduled events they sponsor.

Definition of Terms

Youth Activities: Activities in which the intended participants are those under 18 years of age.

Tobacco products are defined as: Chewing tobacco, cigarettes, cigarillos, cigars, electronic cigarettes, hookah, snuff, and snus.

Use of tobacco products is defined as: Any use of the above products on designated City-owned facilities where youth recreation activities are in commencement.

Violation of the Policy

1. Any park patron at a City-owned park has the right to ask a tobacco user to extinguish or dispose of his or her tobacco product.
2. If person does not abide by the policy, a complaint form may be filled out by logging on to www.siouxfalls.org/parks.

3. Any person found violating this policy may be subject to immediate ejection from the recreation facility for the remainder of the event.

Dissemination of the Policy

1. Participants, parents, and spectators will be notified of the policy through the sponsoring organization.
2. Parks and Recreation will include a tobacco-free ad in the *Activities Guide* year-round.
3. Signage will be provided in all tobacco-free areas.
4. Information will be posted on Parks and Recreation and on Health Department websites.
5. CityLink will air anti-tobacco public service announcements regularly.