

Smoking Policy

The Ottawa County Smoke-Free Indoor Air Regulation is effective on January 1, 2008. This new regulation requires all public and private employers to prohibit smoking in all enclosed areas and within twenty-five feet of any entrance, operable window, and ventilation system. In order to comply with this new regulation and promote a healthier lifestyle, Hope College became a smoke free campus on January 1, 2008.

Smoking will not be permitted in any campus owned or leased building; in any residence hall, apartment, or cottage; on any campus walkway or green space; or outside in college parking lots.

Smoking is permitted in private vehicles (including those parked in college lots) and on public right-of-ways away from building entrances. Please adhere to the twenty-five foot distance and dispose of your smoking materials appropriately before reentering the campus area.

The college is supportive of smoking cessation programs and will work with faculty and staff seeking help with their smoking habit. Please see the following links for more information on options available visit <http://hope.edu/cit/wellness/resources/programs/tobacco.html>. The college is hopeful that smokers will use this new regulation as an extra incentive to give up smoking and improve their overall health.