



Naples Library Tobacco and Marijuana Use Policy

The Naples Library is committed to protecting the health, welfare, and safety of the visitors and employees and/or volunteers by eliminating the use of tobacco and marijuana products in and around its facility.

The Naples Library recognizes that:

- The U.S. Surgeon General has concluded that secondhand smoke is harmful to human health.
- Visible tobacco and marijuana use contributes to the social acceptability, normalization, and perceived prevalence of tobacco and marijuana use, factors which promote youth initiation and impede cessation.
- There are several risk factors and negative health outcomes associated with cannabis use including: physical dependency, permanent IQ loss and negative impacts on mental health.
- Tobacco products consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, posing a risk of ingestion to children and animals, and incurring costly litter cleanup.

Therefore, the Naples Library prohibits tobacco and marijuana use in the building and on the grounds. This restriction includes the use of all forms of smoking devices and smokeless tobacco products: cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes/electronic vapor products, snuff, snus and chewing tobacco.

This policy applies to all visitors, employees and volunteers.

The Naples Library adheres to all relevant state and local regulations, including Public Health Law §1399-o.

LOCAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

- Signs clearly designating areas where tobacco and marijuana use is prohibited will be posted.
- A copy of the Tobacco and Marijuana Use Policy will be distributed to all employees.
- Employees shall advise patrons of the Tobacco and marijuana Use Policy.

- Persons in violation of this policy will be asked to leave the premises.

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