



State University of New York Maritime College

Smoking Policy

I. Background:

In 1989, the New York State Legislature, upon finding a substantial body of scientific research, including a 1986 Report by the U.S., showing that breathing second-hand smoke was a significant health hazard for non-smokers, drafted the "Clean Indoor Air Act". The "Clean Indoor Air Act" went into effect on January 1, 1990 and requires every employer in the State to provide smoke-free work areas for non-smoking employees. SUNY Colleges and Universities were required to develop and enforce appropriate smoking policies.

New York State's evolving smoking policy continues to seek to protect and promote public health by reducing involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke in public places. The Law was recently amended to expand restrictions on smoking in bars, restaurants, public places, and places of employment. These additional restrictions became effective July 24, 2003.

II. Policy

In accordance with the "Clean Indoor Air Act" and our continued interest in providing a healthy, safe, attractive and harmonious environment for faculty, staff, students, and visitors, SUNY Maritime College observes the following policy:

Smoking is prohibited everywhere in the "residential area" except in the gazebos. The residential area encompasses the western end of Reisenberg Hall to Reeder Street behind the residences, the street running between Baylis and the seawall to and including the TIV. This smoke-free zone includes the Mess deck, Heritage Hall, the Quad, dormitory rooms, corridors, study areas, stairwells and recreational areas.



The above box represents the residential area of SUNY Maritime College

Smoking also continues to be prohibited in all college buildings and vehicles, the interior of St. Mary's pentagon, Fort Schuyler inner gorge, the pier area, within 25 feet of any building entrance, windows, or any other ventilation point. Smoking is also prohibited, except in specifically designated areas on board the Empire State Training Ship at all times whether at dock or at sea.

III. Compliance:

It is the responsibility of all members of the College community to observe and assist in enforcing this smoking policy. If supervisors or other authority figures observe violations, they must remind offenders of this policy lest they provide tacit approval of the violations by their silence. All employees have an obligation to be aware of College policies and support them. [Fall 2006]