

Tobacco-Free Facility Policy

In conjunction with the Lutheran Home at Topton/Diakon Senior Living Services and their tobacco-free policy, Brandywine Community Library is a tobacco-free facility in order to reduce involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke, raise awareness about tobacco disparities in historically disadvantaged communities, and ensure that the library is a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment for employees, volunteers, and visitors.

Procedure

1. Use of all tobacco products including (but not limited to), all cigarettes, e-cigarettes, hookahs, vapes, and all smokeless products (such as chew, dip, etc.) is prohibited on all library-owned property.
2. This policy applies to all staff, interns, volunteers, visitors, contractors, and external individuals, as well as to any person or organization renting or utilizing library-owned property at 60 Tower Dr, Topton, PA 19562.
3. There are no designated smoking areas at Brandywine Community Library.
4. Tobacco cessation information, referrals, education, and materials are available to staff, interns, volunteers, and visitors.
5. This tobacco ban does not apply to public rights-of-way (sidewalks, streets) on the perimeter of the property because the library has no jurisdiction over city-owned streets, sidewalks, and rights of way.
6. Those interested in engaging in such activities outside the library should exercise care to do so on property that is not library-owned or owned by the Lutheran Home at Topton/Diakon Senior Living Services.
7. Common courtesy should prevail if you choose to engage in tobacco use near library property. Employees, volunteers, and visitors should have the ability to enter the library without breathing in second-hand smoke due to smoking at the entrance to the building.
8. Every library employee, volunteer, and visitor is charged with enforcing this policy by personally adhering to the policy and respectfully reminding those violating the policy about its existence.
9. Violators of this policy will be reminded that the library is a tobacco-free space.
10. Signage will be posted to clearly state that the library is a tobacco-free space.

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