

## Smoking and Tobacco Use

### 1025.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes limitations on smoking and the use of tobacco products by members and others while on-duty or while in North Whatcom Fire & Rescue facilities or vehicles.

For the purposes of this policy, smoking and tobacco use includes but is not limited to any tobacco product, such as cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, tobacco pouches, and chewing tobacco, as well as any device intended to simulate smoking, such as an electronic cigarette or personal vaporizer.

### 1025.2 POLICY

North Whatcom Fire & Rescue recognizes that tobacco use is a health risk and can be offensive to others. Smoking and tobacco use also presents an unprofessional image for the District and its members. Therefore, smoking and tobacco use is prohibited by members and visitors in all district facilities, buildings, and vehicles, and as further outlined in this policy.

### 1025.3 SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE

Smoking and tobacco use by members is prohibited any time members are in public view representing North Whatcom Fire & Rescue

It shall be the responsibility of each member to ensure that no person under their supervision smokes or uses any tobacco product inside District facilities and vehicles.

### 1025.4 ADDITIONAL PROHIBITIONS

No person shall smoke tobacco products within 25 feet of a main entrance, exit, or operable window of any public building, including any district facility (WAC 296-800-24005).

Smoking and the use of other tobacco products is prohibited by any individual on district property, or vehicles or fire apparatus. The District will be published and maintained as a smoke-free workplace (RCW 70.160.030).

### 1025.5 SIGNATURE APPROVAL

Approved:



Fire Chief

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