5-11/010.00 Use of Tobacco Products

Pursuant to the Los Angeles County Code, Title 2 Administration, Chapter 2.126, Ordinance #85-0093, regarding smoking in county facilities, employees, visitors and inmates are restricted and/or prohibited from using tobacco products.

Employees

On duty members shall not smoke, or possess any form of tobacco, including smokeless tobacco, within the secured areas of Custody Operations facilities. Members may use tobacco products during authorized breaks and only in designated smoking areas. Each facility shall have specified smoking areas that have been designated by the unit commander. Signs advising "No Smoking" shall be posted for effective compliance with County Code requirements. The following policy shall be enforced at all Custody Operations facilities:

- Smoking tobacco shall only be allowed in designated smoking areas
- Smoking is prohibited in County vehicles
- Personnel shall restrict the use of tobacco products to authorized breaks. Additional breaks shall not be authorized or taken for the purpose of using tobacco products
- Employees shall discard all used tobacco products (including smokeless tobacco) in a manner mindful of hygiene and prevents inmate retrieval
- Tobacco products shall not be displayed in the presence of inmates

For purposes of this section, smoking shall include, but is not limited to, using, lighting, and/or carrying any lighted or activated device including any cigarette, electronic cigarette, electronic vaping device, cigar, or pipe emitting smoke, odor, vapor, or similar substance.

Inmates

The entire custody environment is tobacco and smoke-free. Inmates are strictly prohibited from smoking or using tobacco products in all Custody Operations facilities. Tobacco products observed within any Custody Operations facility shall be confiscated as contraband and disposed of in a manner that will prevent inmate retrieval. Inmates using/possessing any type of tobacco products are subject to disciplinary action.

Tobacco products (unopened) inventoried during the booking process shall be placed in the inmate's property. Opened products shall be disposed of.

Visitors

Smoking is prohibited in all County facilities and vehicles. Smoking areas are available to visitors in open air areas adjacent to jail visiting facilities.