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What to do if your campus guest smokes

Georgian will become a smoking-free college as of May 6. Students and staff have been kept in the loop since this change was announced last fall, but campus visitors may be taken by surprise. Here's how to prepare for — and talk to — guests who smoke.



Before they visit

1. Whether you know they smoke or not, use a pre-visit conversation or email to inform guests that Georgian is (or will be) a [smoking-free college](#). As of May 6, smoking will not be allowed on any Georgian property.
2. If you're hosting a longer event, try to build in time for off-campus smoke breaks. For example, if your guest is attending a four-hour meeting, include two 15-minute pauses in the agenda.
3. If you know your guest is a smoker, inform them that nicotine replacement therapy products (like gum, patches or lozenges) are permitted on campus. Let them know you've planned for smoke breaks during their visit. You can also send them these [handy FAQs](#).

During their visit

1. ~~Including it in any printed materials you're distributing.~~
2. If a guest mentions that he or she is going for a smoke break – or you notice them pulling out a pack of cigarettes — kindly and apologetically remind them that Georgian is a smoking-free college, and that they'll have to find an off-campus space to smoke. Encourage them to use nicotine replacement therapy products (like gum, patches or lozenges) when visiting Georgian.
3. If you see guests (or anyone) smoking on campus, ask them if they know about the new policy. If you feel uncomfortable speaking to them about this issue, ask someone from Campus Safety Services (ex. 5100 or campussafetyservices@georgiancollege.ca) to connect with them instead.

What does smoking include? Smoking includes the burning, inhaling, exhaling, or vaping of any product or use of any device including but not limited to cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, or vaporizers and includes the use of chewing tobacco.

Look for a booth with information about the new policy and cessation resources, free snacks and swag! Here are booth dates by campus:

- Barrie, Muskoka and Owen Sound campuses May 6
- South Georgian Bay campus May 6 to 10
- Midland, Orangeville and Orillia campuses May 9

[Smoking cessation supports](#) are being offered to help students and staff. If you have questions about the [new policy](#), check out these [handy FAQs](#) or contact Campus Safety Services.

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