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USC Community,

As you may be aware, on January 1, 2018 a new law went in effect in California permitting the limited use of recreational cannabis (marijuana) by people 21 and older. As this law goes into implementation, we want to take this opportunity to remind our community about USC Smoke and Drug Free policies.

<https://policy.usc.edu/smoke-free/>

<https://policy.usc.edu/drug-free/>

In compliance with federal regulations and our commitment to promoting a healthy, safe and comfortable environment for all students, faculty, staff and visitors, the USC campus remains smoke and drug free. Smoking and/or the use of all illegal drugs, including cannabis (marijuana) is prohibited in all indoor and outdoor facilities on university owned and leased property with no exception, including within vehicles parked on those properties. This includes all university owned and leased housing, dining, hotel, retail, athletic and performance facilities and all teaching, research, clinical and office space. In addition to university owned and operated student housing facilities, this policy also applies to any property occupied by any fraternity or sorority officially recognized by the university.

Smoking is defined as inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying or possessing any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, electronic cigarette, hookah or other lit product and including the use of any substance, including but not limited to tobacco, cloves or marijuana. Illegal drugs include all forms of cannabis, including in amounts and forms otherwise permitted by California law in non-campus locations.

Refusal by faculty, staff or students to comply with this policy may result in appropriate disciplinary action.

Confidential help is available for students, faculty and staff who may be experiencing problems associated with alcohol and other drugs or nicotine dependence.

<http://engemannshc.usc.edu/> (UPC Students)

<http://ecohenshc.usc.edu/> (HSC Students)

<http://cwfl.usc.edu/wellness/smoking.html> (Faculty/Staff)

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