

Kamloops United Church

Administrative Policy # P 1 – Scent/Fragrance-Free Building & Worship

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RATIONALE

Because we, the staff, members and adherents of Kamloops United Church (KUC) value and are committed to:

- Gathering together to worship, work and learn;
- Welcoming and affirming all people;
- Building, sustaining and supporting a loving and caring community;

Because there are many people within the faith community who have increasing scent/fragrance sensitivities and allergies that may negatively affect their physical and mental well-being limiting their ability to fully participate in the worship and service life of our congregation; and because many personal hygiene and grooming products, cleaning products, and air fresheners contain chemical and natural odors that for some people can cause severe reactions;

we strive to ensure the comfort and safety of all people who utilize KUC for all manner of events and activities by encouraging a fragrance-free environment.

POLICY

1. KUC will become a scent free building and place of worship.
2. KUC will request that all people who attend events in the building for worship, meetings and other special events, refrain from wearing scented personal hygiene products, including, but not limited to perfumes, cologne, shaving and aftershave products, hairstyling products, deodorants and lotions.
3. “Scent-Free Place of Worship” signs will be posted at each main entrance way into the building (except within the sanctuary).
4. “Welcome to our Scent-Free Building” signs will be posed in each bathroom, communal meeting space, and on the general bulletin board.
5. The words “This is a Scent Free Building and Place of Worship” will be included on the bulletin/Link for every worship service.
6. All groups and organizations that rent or use space will be informed of the Scent Free Policy and will be encouraged to let their group members know about the policy. These groups will also be encouraged to advertise the Scent Free Policy in their communications.
7. All advertisements and promotions for worship and special events at KUC in local media, congregational mail/e-mail and newsletters shall include the words: “This is a fragrance-free event/worship”.
8. KUC will purchase environmentally sensitive, fragrance free cleaning supplies for the kitchen, bathrooms and general building upkeep
9. All scented air fresheners will be removed from the building.

PROCEDURE

1. “What Does it Mean to Be Scent-Free?” brochures will be included in the KUC Welcome Kit and copies will be available on the action table.
2. A more detailed explanation about why we have a Scent Free Policy will be submitted for publication in the quarterly newsletter by the Pastoral Care Core Ministry.
3. “This is a Scent Free Place of Worship” signs and other explanatory pieces of information are available from the BC Lung Association”.
4. Education will be provided to Greeters and Ushers regarding how to deal with people who are not in compliance with this policy.