

## Smoking Policy

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### POLICY STATEMENT

The purpose of this policy is to ensure safety and to maintain a safe and productive work environment for all expedition participants on board RV Polarstern by preventing accidents or other dangerous incidents that may result from smoking. Another important concern is the avoidance of second-hand smoking. This policy pertains to all scientists, logisticians, polar bear guards, helicopter pilots, aircraft crew and other passengers (hereinafter referred to as “participants”) on board.

Smoking in boats, zodiacs, helicopters or airplanes is strictly forbidden. Smoking on ice can significantly spoil scientific samples, therefore it may be prohibited or restricted to defined areas. Those will be announced by the Chief Scientist.

On board RV Polarstern smoking is only allowed in designated areas which will be announced on board. All cabins of scientists are non-smoking cabins. Cigarettes must always be stubbed out properly, as fire on board of a vessel is often caused by improper extinguishing of cigarettes carelessly dropped into ash trays or litter boxes.

Ship’s crew members are subject to the shipping companies’ policies and regulations which may differ from this expedition policy. They have specific areas to smoke. Smoking on the bridge is limited to officers.

### DISCIPLINE

▶ Participants found to be in violation of this policy are warned once and may be subject to discharge from work when violation is repeated. The Chief Scientist has discretionary power concerning all participants in this regard and may delegate that power to the Co- Chief Scientist or other team leaders if necessary.