

# Scent-Free Policy

## Policy:

On the wearing, the use and the presence of scented products, chemical products and other scent related allergens within the QPIRG space.

## Purpose:

To protect QPIRG space users, staff and volunteers with scent sensitivities from the effects of scented products or chemical products within QPIRG.

To promote, among all users of the QPIRG space, mindfulness of the effects that strong odors and toxic fumes can have on others.

## Rules:

- 1) No scented products are to be worn at QPIRG. Scented products include, but are not limited to:
  - Perfume
  - Cologne
  - Hairspray
  - Essential oils
  
- 2) No chemical products are to be used within the QPIRG space without prior approval. No products may be used that, when opened, emit noxious or toxic fumes that are likely to affect people within an enclosed space. Examples of such products would include:
  - Certain types of arts supplies, including paints and paint removers
  - Most cleaning agents
  
- 3) a) For cleaning, use of arts supplies and other activities that could involve using the types of products covered by this policy,

groups may use products that have been approved for use by QPIRG. These would include cleaning agents and paints that do not emit noxious or toxic fumes.

b) Those wishing to use such products at QPIRG should first consult the list of QPIRG approved products or consult staff.

4) Other allergens will be added to the list of banned/restricted products as the need arises.

### **Communication of Policy/Enforcement:**

- 1) A sign is to be posted at the front door informing all visitors of this policy; of the list of affected substances; and of where they can obtain a copy of this policy.
- 2) Key-holders are to be responsible for seeing that this policy is followed when they are at QPIRG, and the key-holder agreements are to be amended to reflect this.
- 3) All those planning events at QPIRG are to be required to include information about this policy in their pre-event publicity.
- 4) People coming into the space wearing scents are to be asked to remove them; if they cannot, they are to be asked to leave.
- 5) Everyone is asked to cooperate in ensuring the communication and enforcement of this policy.
- 6) A relevant list of approved products is to be drawn up and appended to this policy.