

## **POLICY RELATING TO THE IDLING OF ALL VEHICLES AND COLLEGE BUSES WHEN PRESENT ON CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE PREMISES**

**Applicability:** This policy applies to all motor vehicles and buses on Champlain College under the guidelines of [23 V.S.A. § 1110. Prohibited idling of motor vehicles](#) and the city of Burlington ordinance ([Chapter 20 Motor Vehicles and Traffic > 20-55 General Prohibitions - scroll to \(e\)](#)) which restricts vehicle idling to three minutes, with certain exemptions.

**Background:** Champlain College recognizes that motor vehicle idling poses a risk to people in the vicinity and to the environment. The inhalation of motor vehicle exhaust may contribute to human health problems, air pollution, and global climate change. In addition, exposure to motor vehicle exhaust can cause lung damage and respiratory problems and can exacerbate asthma and existing allergies. State law prohibits the idling of all motor vehicles to five minutes in any 60-minute period (with exceptions) and the city of Burlington ordinance restricts idling to three minutes. Thus, this policy will reinforce a city ordinance that is already in place.

It is the intent of Champlain College to further limit the idling of personal motor vehicles, campus vehicles and campus buses and shuttles, currently operated by Mountain Transit.

**Definition:** As used in this policy, the term “campus grounds” shall mean any area on the Champlain College main campus and Lakeside campus that is used at any time for campus related activities, including parking lots, courtyards and driveways.

**Policy:** Subject to exceptions developed by the Director of Campus Public Safety, **the operators of motor vehicles, including campus shuttle buses, shall not allow their vehicles to idle while on campus grounds.**

A designee\* shall:

- Post “no idling” signs to notify the operators of motor vehicles and bus/shuttle drivers on campus grounds that idling is illegal; engines must be turned off when a vehicle is waiting or parked, particularly when picking up students, faculty and staff.
- Reduce the use of remote engine starter devices by campus faculty, staff and students.
- Minimize the idling of delivery vehicles when loading or unloading unless the engine idling is needed to facilitate delivery.
- Hold tabling events near cafeteria at the beginning of the fall and spring semester to alert faculty, staff and students about Burlington’s anti-idling law and Champlain’s anti-idle policy. Furthermore, to also inform the college community that a reduction in idling has benefits for human health, the economy, and the environment.

**Policy Reinforcement:** To help make the policy effective, it is strongly suggested that information on the policy be disseminated to the campus community at certain intervals, including campus parking and transportation emails and on the transportation website. Ultimately, we will work towards ticketing unnecessary idling on campus but will focus on education for the first year of this policy’s implementation.

**Legal References:** 23 V.S.A. § 1110 ; Prohibited idling of motor vehicles and City of Burlington ordinance ([Chapter 20 Motor Vehicles and Traffic > 20-55 General Prohibitions - scroll to \(e\)](#))

**Date Adopted: November 21st, 2014 by College Council**

\* Robin Collins, Assistant Professor, Champlain College will serve as the designee for the 2014-2015 academic year