

Subject: RE: Tobacco Use on Patrol

In accordance with the new CG Health and Wellness Manual, COMDTINST M6200.1B, the use of tobacco/nicotine is prohibited on small boats. The risk of ETS and hazardous material interactions is higher in these environments and every precaution should be taken to eliminate these risks.

Definition. For purposes of this policy, the terms "Tobacco Use" and "Tobacco Products" mean tobacco and nicotine products, including electronic or e-cigarettes, smoking (e.g., cigarette, cigar, pipe), smokeless tobacco products (e.g., spit, lug, leaf, snuff, dip, etc.) and all other nicotine delivery systems and products as defined by Commandant (CG-1111) and or the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) products containing nicotine and approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are not considered "Tobacco Products."

How does this affect Auxiliary Vessels while on Patrol? When an Auxiliary vessel is underway on Coast Guard Patrol Orders issued thru the AOM system they are considered a Coast Guard Boat and therefore shall comply with Coast Guard Regulations. Besides being a health risk for yourself and other members of the crew; it does not portray a professional image. PLEASE; next time you see a fellow crewmember light up while on patrol, kindly ask him/her to refrain and let them know about the new Coast Guard Policy.

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