

A02.1 - Prohibit Indoor Smoking

Policy and/or Operations Schedule

WELL Building Standard™ version 2 (WELL v2™)

WHAT IS THIS DOCUMENT:

This document is intended to serve as a guide on how to create a project policy or operations schedule to promote a deeper occupant understanding of the WELL features pursued by the project, the relationship between health and buildings, and available health resources and programs.

This document is meant to demonstrate an acceptable degree of detail for:

- precertification documentation submission
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For precertification documentation submission:

To achieve WELL Precertification, project teams may submit intent-stage or implementation-stage documents for pursued features, or any combination of the two. An intent-stage document is typically a draft document that has not yet been implemented in the actual project, while implementation-stage documents describe final and implemented strategies. Intent and implementation-stage documents should be similar in terms of level of detail. For final WELL Certification documentation approval, all documents are required to be implementation -stage. To learn more about intent-stage vs. implementation-stage documentation, review the [precertification guide](#) in our knowledge base.

Intent-stage language is indicated in this sample document with **green text and in parentheses**. For an intent-stage policy and/or operations schedule, the document should consist of a draft version of the policy that the team intends to implement. This document cannot simply state that the feature requirements will be implemented; the documentation should include adequate detail such that a WELL Reviewer will be able to confirm the document complies with all of the WELL feature part requirements.

For documentation submission:

The level of detail is up to the discretion of the project team, but the documents must include specific details demonstrating that the actual requirements have been enacted in the project boundary. The Feature cannot be demonstrated solely through a confirmation that the requirements have been or will be implemented.

This document and similar tools are intended to assist projects in their pursuit of WELL v2 but use of this document and/or similar tools are in no way a guarantee of achievement of any rating or designation, and no representation or warranty is made regarding the likelihood of achieving any rating or designation.

Note: The below document is based on the Q2 2025 addenda of the WELL Building Standard™ version 2 (WELL v2™). Project teams are required to implement the feature requirements from the addenda version assigned to their project or any more recent addenda version.


HOW TO USE THIS DOCUMENT:




Read the [below feature requirements](#) (or the feature requirements from the [addenda version assigned to your project](#), as relevant) and determine how your project addresses each requirement.


- a. If your project is a WELL Core project, read through and ensure that your project follows the “WELL Core Guidance.”
- b. Make sure to apply the feature requirements appropriate to your project’s space types. For example, if your project has both dwelling units and other space types, ensure your project is applying the requirements

under “For Dwelling Units” to the dwelling unit spaces and applying the requirements under “For All Spaces except Dwelling Units” to the other space types. Check out the [WELL v2™ digital standard](#) for the exact language on your project’s space types.


 Refer to the [below example document](#) to get an idea of how to set up your documentation.

 Collaborate with your stakeholders to gather the [relevant documentation](#) that demonstrates the project’s compliance with the feature. Some examples of relevant documentation include:


- a. a letter from a hired professional outlining services provided
- b. the project’s floor plans
- c. a modeling report

 Create a technical document using existing documentation where relevant, annotating it to clarify where feature requirements are met. Some examples of annotating include:


- a. highlight the sections relevant to WELL requirements
- b. circle or add boxes around particular data
- c. add notes to confirm WELL requirements
- d. add labels to draw attention to particular sections
- e. provide an explanation of the connection to WELL requirements using a different colored font
- f. check out the [WELL Documentation Annotation Guide](#) for more

 Name the document so that it is easily identifiable. Some examples for naming include:

- a. name the document using the WELL feature code
- b. name the document using the WELL feature name
- c. name the document using the WELL document type

 Review the document you’ve created and ensure that all the necessary WELL requirements are fully and clearly addressed.

- a. Note: the level of detail is up to the discretion of the project team, but the document must include specific details demonstrating that the actual requirements have been enacted in the project boundary. Features cannot be demonstrated solely through a written confirmation that the WELL requirements have been or will be implemented.

 Upload the document to the scorecard in the WELL digital platform, after you’ve confirmed that the document fully and clearly addresses all the necessary WELL requirements.



FEATURE PART REQUIREMENTS

For All Spaces

The following requirement is met:

- a. Smoking and the use of e-cigarettes is prohibited in interior spaces within the project boundary.*

WELL Core Guidance:

Meet these requirements in the whole building.



The below sample documentation is intended to provide guidance for creating a smoke-free environment policy. It is not a template. You may note included components that are not required to demonstrate compliance with this Feature.



Example for Feature Promote Smoke Free Environment

[Intent-stage: Draft] [Company] Smoke-Free Environment Policy

Location: [project address]

The following policy has been adopted by [Company] to protect employees and visitors from secondhand smoke and smoke pollution as well as to deter employees and visitors from smoking.

Prohibit Indoor Smoking

Smoking of cigarettes and e-cigarettes is prohibited within the building.

Prohibit Outdoor Smoking

Outdoor smoking is prohibited within 25 ft of all entrances, windows, and air intakes. Signage indicating the no smoking ban are located on all decks, patios, balconies, rooftops, and building grounds. There are no outdoor areas within the project boundary that allow smoking. A signed Owner's Letter of Assurance has been attached.

Prohibit Outdoor Smoking

No tobacco products are sold or advertised within the building. See attached Owner's Letter of Assurance.

Example for Feature Promote Smoke Free Environment

[Intent-stage: Draft] [Company] Smoke-Free Environment Policy

Location: [project address]

The following policy has been implemented [intent-stage: will be implemented] by [Company] and is required by local law.

Prohibit Indoor Smoking

Smoking of cigarettes and e-cigarettes is prohibited within the building.

Prohibit Outdoor Smoking

There are no outdoor areas within the project boundary thus Prohibit Outdoor Smoking does not apply to this project.

TIPS FOR MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

- For organizations participating in WELL at scale, this Policy and/or Operations Schedule is categorized as Shareable. It may be shared across multiple projects, as long as they all meet the strategies that are outlined in the document.