



NO IDLE POLICY

Purpose:

The purpose of this Policy is to minimize unnecessary vehicle idling, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions, conserving fuel, and promoting environmental sustainability. This policy aims to create awareness and encourage responsible idling practices among contractors, owners, guests, delivery vehicles, and visitors both while on the premises and out in the world.

General Facts and Statistics Related to Idling:

- Idling vehicles contribute to air pollution by releasing harmful emissions such as carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter.
- Studies have shown that excessive vehicle idling contributes to climate change, respiratory problems, and other adverse health effects.
- Turning off and starting an engine uses LESS fuel than letting the engine run for 30 seconds.
- Engine wear is greater at prolonged idle than during normal operation.
- Studies estimate that an idling gasoline vehicle with an average sized engine uses about 2.2 litres of fuel per hour and that an idling diesel truck engine uses about 3 litres of fuel per hour
- Although some fuels pollute less than others, they all contribute to air pollution and are therefore equally affected by this policy.
- Various jurisdictions including BC have enacted regulations and ordinances to limit vehicle idling, aiming to reduce emissions and protect public health.

Scope:

- The No Idle Policy applies to all contractors, staff, owners, guests, delivery vehicles, and visitors while on the premises of Pointhouse Suites on Sargeant Bay.
- The policy encompasses all types of vehicles, including personal vehicles, contractor vehicles, delivery vehicles, and guest vehicles.

Policy:

- All vehicles must refrain from unnecessary idling while on the premises of Pointhouse Suites on Sargeant Bay.
- Idling is defined as the operation of a vehicle engine while the vehicle is stationary and not in traffic.
- This policy applies, but is not limited, to the following situations:
 - *when loading or unloading goods or personnel
 - *when stopped for road construction
 - *when checking-in to accommodation
 - *when stopped and waiting for any reason (except in traffic, such as when stopped at a traffic light)
- Compliance with the No Idle Policy is mandatory for all individuals using Pointhouse Suites facilities.
- Staff members are authorized to remind individuals of the policy and request compliance.
- Repeated violations may result in further action, including refusal of service or access to the premises.

Exemptions:

- Under extreme weather conditions or any other time when the health and safety of vehicle occupants may be jeopardized or to operate essential vehicle functions, such as defrosting windows in cold weather .
- The vehicle/equipment motor is required to power auxiliary equipment
- For vehicle/equipment maintenance and diagnostic purposes
- Emergency vehicles or those vehicles assisting on an emergency scene are exempt from the No Idle Policy to ensure prompt and effective response

Procedures:

- Signs will be prominently displayed at key entry points and parking areas to inform individuals of the No Idle Policy.
- Information about the policy will be communicated through written materials, the website, and during guest/visitor orientation to the property.
- Reports of non-compliance with the policy should be directed to the management of Pointhouse Suites on Sargeant Bay for investigation and appropriate action.
- Pointhouse Suites on Sargeant Bay is committed to continuous review and improvement of its environmental practices, including the No Idle Policy, based on feedback and evolving best practices.