

### Smugglers' Notch Resort No Idling Policy.

Smugglers' Notch Resort currently has the following policy in the *Employee Safety Manual* regarding idling. It can be found in the Smugglers' Notch Motor Vehicle Loss Control Program under the sub-heading Parking. "...Unattended vehicles should be turned off and the keys removed from the ignition unless the driver is in full view at all times, such as for linen or garbage pick-ups. In those cases, the vehicle should be placed in "Park" and/or the emergency brake engaged."

Smugglers' Notch Management is adopting the following additional language to address health, environmental, and cost saving issues surrounding idling vehicles.

*Additional Language:* Any vehicle owned or operated by Smugglers' Notch Resort personnel, or contracted to operate at Smugglers' Notch Resort, which will be stationary for more than 5 minutes, must be turned off. All delivery vehicles shall also abide by this policy and guidelines. The following are the only exceptions.

1. Temperatures below 10<sup>0</sup>
2. Auxiliary equipment running from the power of the idling engine
3. Idling of the vehicle is necessary for the health and safety of the passengers or drivers.

*Why is this important to Smugglers' Notch Resort?*

#### **Idling wastes fuel and money.**

- A typical idling diesel truck will burn approximately one gallon of fuel per hour.
- Generally, fuel consumption during start-up is equivalent to 30 seconds of engine idling for diesels.
- Idling (a gas engine) for more than 10 seconds uses more gas than restarting the engine

#### **Idling causes excessive engine wear.**

- Running an engine at low speed (idling) causes twice the wear on internal parts.
- According to the ATA such wear can double yearly maintenance costs.

#### **Unnecessary idling causes pollution.**

- Idling vehicles can emit significant amounts of carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and poisonous carbon monoxide.
- Warm-up time for newer diesel engines is generally 3-5 minutes, and only 30 seconds for cars!

#### **Idling pollution poses health risks.**

- While sitting in an idling vehicle, inhabitants are exposed to the vehicles pollution more so than when the vehicle is in motion since there is no airflow to vent the emissions.
- Idling truck and car emissions can be drawn into building ventilation systems, thereby delivering exhaust fumes into its inhabitable space.
- Children are at higher risk because they inhale more air per body weight.

*Above facts taken from an EPA New England fact sheet dated April 2002.*

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