

Wolfson College  
Anti-Idling Policy

## **Policy Statement**

In order to minimise vehicle emissions that negatively impact on the environment and health, Wolfson College is committed to reducing vehicle and machinery idling times when at the College and by College owned vehicles and machinery. The College actively encourages operators to reduce levels of idling.

## **Idling**

Engine idling is the running of an engine when not required for the operation of the vehicle or it's testing or examination.

Modern engines only need thirty (30) seconds or less of idle at startup. Contrary to popular belief, idling is not an effective way to warm up your vehicle, even in cold weather. The notion that idling is good is incorrect and in fact excessive idling can actually damage your engine

## **Engine Emissions**

Vehicle engine emissions are increasingly connected to a wide variety of health illnesses, the release of pollutants in the atmosphere, and climate change. Turning off a vehicle is a simple and cost-effective way to reduce noise, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect health, and extend engine life.

Anti-idling measures have been implemented to:

- Reduce unnecessary vehicle idling
- Improve air quality
- Protect health
- Reduce wasted fuel
- Reduce costs

Children are particularly vulnerable to air pollution because they breathe faster than adults and inhale more air per pound of body weight.

## **Anti-idling rules**

You are expected to follow these anti-idling rules when living, working, visiting or delivering to Wolfson College:

- Don't leave an unattended vehicle's engine running
- Do not leave the engine running during loading and unloading (except where specific machinery requires it)
- Don't leave the engine running for more than thirty (30) second for any reason.
- Don't leave the engine running when you are parked up even to keep warm in cold weather. Park your vehicle and come into the College Buildings if you need to wait to pick people up or meet people.

Failure to abide by these rules may result in the College withdrawing parking permits or opting to use different supplier or services.

If you would like further details on this Anti-Idling Policy please contact Wolfson College, Home Bursar.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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