

Model Tobacco-Free Policy for Colleges & Universities

Purpose

According to the U.S. Surgeon General's Report of 2006, the Environmental Protection Agency Report of 1992, the South Carolina Clean Indoor Act of 1990, and the Federal Pro-Children Act of 1994, tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke (environmental tobacco smoke) are hazardous to the health of human beings. Supported by these findings, this college or university will become a 100% tobacco-free campus effective _____ (date).

Thus, the use of all tobacco-containing or tobacco-derived products, smokeless tobacco (snuff, chewing tobacco, dip, snus), e-cigarettes, and other tobacco or non-FDA-approved cessation products are prohibited. It does not apply to nicotine replacement therapy products (gum, patch, lozenge, inhaler), which help tobacco users with cessation efforts.

Goals

The goal of this policy is to provide a 100% tobacco-free environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors within all college & university facilities (including dorms), vehicles, grounds, and at all sponsored events. This goal will be achieved by:

- Exhibiting healthy behavior for all students, faculty, staff, visitors, and the entire community;
- Utilizing tobacco use prevention awareness & education programming and materials; and
- Providing access to cessation counseling and/or referral services for all students, faculty and staff.

Procedures

In keeping with the institution's mission and vision, we will:

- Prohibit the use of all tobacco products or paraphernalia, by all students, faculty, staff and visitors.
- Promote and provide referrals to cessation counseling services to students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Enforcement

[Name of institution] will enforce this policy by determining appropriate educational and/or disciplinary actions for policy violations:

- Students: Verbal warning or conference with the dean of students, mandatory enrollment in a tobacco prevention education program, monetary fines, community service, or suspension from extracurricular activities.
- Faculty and Staff: Verbal warning, written reprimand placed in personnel file, mandatory enrollment in a tobacco prevention education program, or suspension without pay.
- Visitors and Vendors: Verbal request to cease the use of tobacco or in cases where visitors or vendors fail to comply, request to leave University property, or in extreme cases, notification that police will be called.

Education and Assistance

As a worksite, leadership/management will be responsible for educating students, staff, faculty, and visitors about the new policy and provide assistance for compliance.

Tobacco Industry Marketing or Sponsorship

[Name of institution] will not accept any contributions or gifts, money or materials from the tobacco industry nor participate in any type of services that are funded by the tobacco industry. In addition, any gear, paraphernalia, clothing, etc. that advertises tobacco use or tobacco products will not be allowed on campus grounds or in the possession of students, faculty or staff at school-sponsored events.