
Applies to: Faculty, staff, student, and visitors

Policy

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The University recognizes the need to create and maintain an environmental quality that sustains and enhances the general health and well being of its faculty, staff, students, and visitors. To meet this commitment, smoking and the use of tobacco products is limited, and no smoking is permitted in any indoor area as designated in the guidelines. Consistent with the spirit and intent of this policy, should irreconcilable conflicts arise between individuals who choose to smoke and those who do not, the rights of nonsmokers will prevail.

POLICY GUIDELINES

I. Smoking Restrictions

Smoking is not permitted in any indoor area.

II. Tobacco-Free Zone

Smoking or the use of other tobacco products is prohibited anywhere in the OSU Medical Center, Aronoff Laboratory, Biological Sciences Building, Biological Sciences Greenhouse, Fry Hall, General Biology Annex, Jennings Hall, Newton Hall, Parks Hall, Postle Hall, Riffe Building, and Starling Loving Hall. This includes inside and outside of buildings and in parking areas, except where specifically designated as smoking areas. For specific geographical boundaries, see the [Tobacco-Free Zone Map](#).

To protect the health and safety of our patients, faculty, staff, students, and visitors, all OSU Medical Center locations are tobacco-free. In addition to the main Medical Center campus, the Medical Center includes locations such as University Hospital East, primary care sites, the OSU Martha Morehouse Plaza, Ackerman Road Facility, Polaris Research Facility, and all others.

III. Exceptions

The only exception to this policy is specifically designated private residential space within University residence halls, apartments, hotels, and University-leased residential facilities. Any interior areas authorized for smoking must be so designated. Areas that are designated as smoking areas will be clearly marked with "Smoking Permitted" signs.

IV. Smoking Areas

Smoking is permitted outdoors, except in outdoor facilities such as the stadium, concession areas, amphitheaters, and other locations of fixed seating and in the outdoor areas of the Tobacco-Free Zone as referenced in Section II above. Where smoking is allowed, smokers who

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choose to smoke outside are requested not to smoke near building entrances and to ensure the proper disposal of smoking materials.

V. Designating a Smoking or Nonsmoking Function

University groups that schedule outdoor spaces for approved functions, other than facilities covered in this policy, have the authority to designate such functions nonsmoking or smoking as they may desire, consistent with the intent of this policy.

VI. Implementation

This policy is to be implemented by units/departments and colleges in the same manner as other University policies. All buildings, vehicles, and specified outdoor facilities and areas that are owned or leased by the University, with the exception of private residence spaces, will be entirely smoke-free. Restrictions on other tobacco products apply at the Tobacco-Free Zone locations referenced in Section II above.

VII. Sale of Cigarettes in University Buildings

The sale of cigarettes or other tobacco products in campus buildings/facilities is prohibited.

VIII. Supplement to University Health Benefits

Smoking cessation services may be available through university-sponsored health plans.

PROCEDURE

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For information regarding procedures, contact the Office of Human Resources, [Organization and Human Resource Consulting](#).

RESOURCES

For consultation:

- Office of Human Resources, [Organization and Human Resource Consulting](#) 614-292-2800
- Medical Center Human Resources 614-293-4988

For more information:

- Frequently Asked Questions hr.osu.edu/policy/resources/720faq.pdf
- Tobacco-Free Zone Map hr.osu.edu/policy/resources/720map.pdf