

**Smoking Policy/Tobacco Use Policy****I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the implementation of a policy on the prohibition of tobacco use on the University of Arkansas Campus.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Each year, approximately 440,000 people die prematurely of diseases caused by smoking, accounting for 1 out of every 5 deaths in the United States (CDC 2003). Use of cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, cigars, pipes, and other tobacco products lead to disease and death. In addition to causing direct health hazards, smoking and smokeless tobacco use contribute to institutional costs in other ways, including fire damage, cleaning and maintenance costs and costs associated with employee and student absenteeism, health care, and medical insurance. Therefore, this policy is designed to include all tobacco products. Because there is no safe tobacco product, the only logical action is to promote a campus that is tobacco free.

It is the policy of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville to promote the health, well being and safety of students, faculty, staff and visitors while on the campus. Tobacco use and second hand smoke have been identified by the Surgeon General to be the cause of preventable diseases. The University of Arkansas encourages students, faculty and staff to support and use tobacco cessation programs.

The University of Arkansas welcomes students of all ages through a variety of campus programs. In order to support the health and welfare of visitors of all ages the campus will be free of tobacco use and second hand smoke.

**III. POLICY**

A. Smoking and the use of tobacco products (including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco and other tobacco products) by students, faculty, staff and visitors are prohibited on all University of Arkansas properties.

B. Effective July 1, 2008, the use of tobacco products (including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, or other tobacco products) is prohibited at all times:

1. in all interior space on the University of Arkansas campus;
2. on all outside property or grounds of the University of Arkansas campus\* including partially enclosed areas such as walkways, breezeways and bus shelters;
3. in University of Arkansas vehicles, including buses, vans, and all other university vehicles;
4. in all indoor and outdoor athletic facilities, as well as the grandstands of outdoor facilities.

C. The university prohibits the campus-controlled advertising, sale, or free sampling of tobacco products on campus.

D. Littering the campus with remains of tobacco products or any other disposable product is prohibited.

E. Organizers and attendees at public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social events, cultural events and sporting events using University of Arkansas facilities will be required to abide by the University of Arkansas policy. Organizers of such events are responsible for communicating the policy to attendees and for enforcing this policy.

F. Campus organizations are prohibited from accepting money or gifts from tobacco companies.

#### **IV. COMMUNICATION OF POLICY**

Signs bearing the message “Tobacco-Free Campus” will be posted at each vehicular and pedestrian University of Arkansas entrance (as applicable), and each building will display a decal that states “Tobacco Free Facility”. However, tobacco-free zones apply on the grounds around all University of Arkansas facilities, whether or not signs are posted. No ashtrays or smoking shelters will be provided on tobacco-free campus grounds.

#### **V. TOBACCO USE CESSATION PROGRAMS**

The University of Arkansas is committed to support all University of Arkansas students and employees who wish to stop using tobacco products. Assistance to students, faculty, and staff to overcome addiction to tobacco products is available through Human Resources and the Health Center. Referrals to cessation services are encouraged.

#### **VI. COMPLIANCE**

Adherence to the policy cited above is the responsibility of all University of Arkansas students, faculty, staff and visitors. It is expected that all students, faculty, staff and visitors to campus comply with this policy. Members of our campus community are empowered to respectfully inform others about the policy in an ongoing effort to enhance awareness and encourage compliance.

\*Main Campus, Research and Technology Campus, Continuing Education

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