



POLICY STATEMENT 5 TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS

POLICY DIGEST

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I. PURPOSE

The use of tobacco products is harmful to health and imposes costs on LSU New Orleans and all members of the LSU New Orleans community. State law [RS 40:1291.23](#) requires LSU New Orleans to adopt a smoke-free policy and authorizes LSU New Orleans to adopt a tobacco-free policy. This policy is intended to comply with State law and to balance the individual liberty of members of the LSU New Orleans community with concern for the significant negative health effects of tobacco use, the costs associated with campus facilities administration, and LSU New Orleans' ability to recruit students, faculty, and staff.

II. DEFINITIONS

Enclosed Area: all space between a floor and ceiling that is enclosed on all sides by solid walls or windows, exclusive of doorways, which extend from the floor to the ceiling.

LSU New Orleans Campus: All land, property, buildings, and other facilities owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by LSU New Orleans. This includes any land, property, vehicles, buildings, and other facilities that may be leased by LSU New Orleans to private third parties, such as affiliated foundations, or others.

Public Place: an enclosed area to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted, which is not a university facility.

Smoking: Inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying, or possessing any lighted tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, and any other lighted combustible plant material; it also means the use of electronic cigarettes and any other product that is used to deliver nicotine by means of smoke or vapor.

Tobacco Products: Any and all forms of tobacco, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, smokeless tobacco, snuff, and chewing tobacco, as well as electronic cigarettes and any other product which is used to deliver nicotine by means of smoke or

vapor. This does not include any FDA-approved product or device intended to assist the user in stopping smoking or using tobacco products.

Tobacco-Free: the prohibited use of tobacco products on University Facilities to include LSU New Orleans buildings and property grounds.

III. GENERAL POLICY

Smoking and the use of all tobacco products on the LSU New Orleans campus is prohibited. This prohibition applies to all individuals while on the LSU New Orleans campus, including faculty, staff, students, administrators, contractors, and visitors.

IV. PROCEDURES

A. Exceptions to the prohibition of smoking and the use of other tobacco products are authorized as follows:

1. Research involving tobacco products provided the University employee obtains the prior approval of the Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and/or Chancellor. Smoke, like any other laboratory air contaminant, shall be controlled and subject to any applicable health and safety standards.
2. Artists or actors who participate in University authorized performances that require tobacco use as part of the artistic production.
3. Educational, clinical, or other appropriate purposes with prior approval of the dean or director responsible for the facility as well as the Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and/or Chancellor.

B. Enforcement

Effective implementation of this policy relies on the courtesy, respect, and cooperation of all members of the University community. It is expected that all members of the LSU New Orleans community will comply with the policy voluntarily. For those who do not, punitive sanctions should not be imposed until other efforts, such as verbally addressing the issue with the tobacco user or formal warnings of potential disciplinary action, have failed.

1. As per the Employee Code of Conduct and Student Code of Conduct, those in violation of University policies are subject to appropriate disciplinary action.
2. Any complaints regarding violations of this policy may be addressed to the Office of Human Resource Management for employees, the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management for students, or the LSU New Orleans Police in general. In accordance with law, LSU New Orleans Police are authorized to issue citations to individuals who violate this policy.
3. It is the responsibility of supervisors to facilitate and enforce compliance among all employees under their supervision, Contract managers are responsible for ensuring that temporary and permanent contract employees comply with this policy. All members of the LSU New Orleans community are expected to identify and address

those in violation of the Tobacco Free Campus policy.

4. Penalties for LSU New Orleans employees and contractors for violations of this policy will be addressed by the supervisors of the employees and contractors as directed by the Office of Human Resource Management.

C. Prohibited Activity

The following activities are prohibited on university grounds or facilities:

- (1) The sale of tobacco products or tobacco related merchandise (including items that display tobacco company logos).
- (2) All promotion, advertising, marketing or distribution of products which encourage smoking or recreational use of tobacco.

D. Cessation Assistance

The University will provide information on smoking cessation programs including the Louisiana Quit line number 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669). Employees may obtain information through the Office of Human Resource Management, and students may seek assistance through the Office of Student Affairs.

V. SOURCES

[Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1291.23](#)