

On-campus Smoke and Tobacco-Use

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Scope

This policy applies to all persons on university-owned or controlled-property.

Policy Statement

Effective August 22, 2016 the University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO) will complete its move to a smoke and tobacco-free campus.

Reason for Policy

The policy promotes the well-being of all UNO community members and the maintenance of a sustainable and healthy campus environment.

Procedures

1. Smoking and the use of other Tobacco Products or Smoking Instruments are prohibited on the UNO Campus, both indoors and outdoors, at all times.
2. Smoking and the use of other Tobacco Products or Smoking Instruments are prohibited in all university-owned or –controlled vehicles, whether on-campus or off-campus.
3. The sale, distribution, and/or advertisement of any Tobacco Product or Smoking Instrument is prohibited on the UNO Campus and in UNO publications.
4. Responsibility for complying with the policy rests with the individual. If someone is observed in violation of the policy they will be asked to dispose of smoking or tobacco product. If he/she refuses, faculty may be referred to Academic Affairs, students to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards, staff to Human Resources, and visitors may be escorted off campus by Public Safety.
5. The University of Nebraska Omaha reserves the right to modify, amend, or terminate this policy, in part or in whole, at any time.

Exclusions

1. Smoking and the use of other Tobacco Products or Smoking Instruments may be allowed for research or educational purposes with prior approval from the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research and then from the Institutional Review Board, as long as the approved circumstances restrict such use to the amount reasonably warranted for research or educational purposes, include reasonable measures to protect the UNO community from adverse health effects of such use, and safely and appropriately dispose of any remaining used or unused tobacco products.
2. Smoking of noncommercial tobacco products for ceremonial purposes is permitted in spaces designated for traditional ceremonies in accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. 1996).
3. Tobacco use may be permitted for educational, clinical, or religious ceremonial purposes with prior approval of the appropriate dean or director responsible for the department or program.
4. The Baxter Arena will have a small restricted area designated for smoking outside the building. This area will only be accessible during official Baxter Arena events. All other areas surrounding the Arena are subject to the On-campus Smoke and Tobacco Use Policy.

Definitions

UNO Campus: All university-owned or controlled property, including all buildings, parking structures, balconies, patios, sidewalks, overhead walk ways, and other outdoor areas. This includes all areas of University Housing, including individual units and all common areas.

Smoking: The inhalation, exhalation, burning, or carrying of any lighted or heated tobacco or nicotine product.

Tobacco and tobacco products: includes, but is not limited to tobacco of any kind, including:

- Cigarettes
- Smokeless or “spit” tobacco
- Snus

- Dissolvable tobacco
- Cigars
- Little cigars
- Cigarillos
- Pipe tobacco
- Gutka
- Bidis
- Kreteks
- Nicotine vaporizers
- Clove cigarettes
- Electronic nicotine delivery devices such as e-cigarettes and e-hookah
- Any other item categorized as a tobacco product by the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Tobacco Products

Related Information

Campus Counseling and Support

Students

[Counseling, Alcohol and Drug Education](#)

Phone: 402.554.2409

Faculty & Staff

[Faculty and Staff Employee Assistance Program \(FSEAP\)](#) Phone: 402.354.8000

Campus

[UNO Health Services](#)

Phone: 402.554.2374

[Campus Recreation/Wellness](#)

Phone: 402.554.3185

Online Resources

Nebraska & Iowa

Phone: 1.800.QUIT.NOW (1.800.784.8669)

[American Lung Association](#)

Phone: 1.800.586.4872

[American Cancer Society](#)

Phone: 1.800.227.2345

[National Cancer Institute](#)

Phone: 1.877.448.7848

[stickK.com](#)

[Quit.com](#)

History

This policy was developed and approved prior to the implementation of the campus policy development and approval process approved by the Chancellor's Cabinet in October 2015.

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