

POLICY NO. 5

Area: General Administration

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Subject: SMOKING AND TOBACCO POLICY

Effective Immediately

Purpose

In order to promote the health of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors, the Central State University campus, and all University locations are designated as tobacco-free environments. As such, smoking of any material and the use of any tobacco product are prohibited in all University owned, leased, or managed buildings, vehicles, equipment, and other designated areas established by this policy.

Definitions

Smoking is defined as the consumption or burning of tobacco or any other material in any type of smoking devices, including, but not restricted to, cigarettes, cigars, electronic or vaping cigarettes, and pipes.

Tobacco includes all tobacco-derived or containing products, such as cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, vaping cigarettes or devices, cigars, cigarillos, kreteks (also known as clove cigarettes), pipes, hookah smoked products, and smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco, chew, snuff, snus, spit tobacco, etc.). Also included are products intended to mimic tobacco products, products that contain tobacco flavoring, or products that deliver nicotine other than for the purpose of cessation.

Prohibition

Smoking and the use of any tobacco product are prohibited in or at the following locations:

- A. Any building, facility, room(s), or space that the University owns, leases, controls and/or manages, even temporarily, including shelters, indoor athletic facilities or theaters, residence halls, apartments or other student housing or lodging, and garages;
- B. Any University owned, leased, controlled, and/or managed property including outdoor grounds, outdoor athletic facilities, outdoor theatres, bridges, walkways, parks, and parking lots;
- C. Any sidewalks adjoining the locations described in paragraphs A and B above;
- D. Within 25 feet of any entrance or other outside access to a location described in paragraphs A and B above, so as to insure that tobacco smoke does not enter the area through entrances, windows, ventilation systems, or any other means; and
- E. Any vehicle or equipment owned, leased or operated by Central State University at any place and any time, or any privately owned or leased vehicle while located on University owned, leased, controlled or managed property.

Help with Quitting

Central State University actively promotes and provides smoking and tobacco use cessation assistance to students, faculty, and staff, as well as their benefit-eligible spouses and dependents. Many services are provided at no cost or at reduced cost. Interested employees can seek help through Central State's Human Resources Department. Interested students should contact Student Health Services.

Enforcement

Violations of this policy will be addressed through the standard disciplinary process appropriate to the individual's relationship to the University. Visitors who violate this policy may be denied access to University locations and events, and may ultimately be subject to arrest for criminal trespass. Violators may also be subject to criminal proceedings under Ohio's Smoking Ban (Revised Code Chapter 3794).

Illegal Substances

Students, faculty, staff, volunteers, and visitors are reminded that smoking and/or other use of any illegal substance(s) on the premises of the Campus is an offense that is prosecutable and will subject the violator to termination and/or expulsion.