

Tobacco Free Campus Policy

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Effective January 1, 2018, the University of Nebraska (NU) Central Administration and University of Nebraska–Lincoln will become tobacco-free and smoke-free campuses.

To provide a healthy environment that promotes the wellness and safety of students, faculty, staff and visitors, NU and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln prohibit Smoking and the use of Tobacco Products in and on all University Property.

Definitions

Smoking

Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated tobacco, plant (including marijuana) or synthetic products.

Tobacco Products

Tobacco products includes all forms of tobacco, inclusive of but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), electronic cigarettes and similar devices, and smokeless tobacco products. It also includes any product intended to mimic tobacco products, contain tobacco flavoring or deliver nicotine. FDA approved nicotine replacement therapy products, when used for the purpose of cessation, are not considered “Tobacco Products” under this policy.

University Property

University property means all buildings, structures, grounds, parking structures, parking lots, and vehicles (on or off campus) owned, leased, occupied, operated, maintained or otherwise controlled by the University.

Exceptions

The following activities may receive an exception to this policy:

- Smoking or use of Tobacco Products for ceremonial or theatrical performance purposes at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln may be permitted with advance approval from the Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance.
- Smoking or use of Tobacco Products may be permitted for a medical, scientific, or research program provided that such Smoking or use of Tobacco Products is an integral part of such program and the appropriate University research oversight body has approved the inclusion of Smoking or use of Tobacco Products. In such circumstances, the approved program use shall restrict use to

the amount reasonably warranted for medical, scientific or research purposes, include reasonable measures to protect the University of Nebraska–Lincoln community from adverse health effects of such use, and require the safe and appropriate disposal of any remaining used or unused Tobacco Products.

- Other reasonable exceptions as determined by the Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance and approved by the Chancellor.

The University reserves the right to modify, amend, or terminate this policy, in part or in whole, at any time.

Enforcement

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 the tobacco product. If he/she refuses, faculty may be referred to Academic Affairs, students to Student Affairs, staff to Human Resources, and visitors may be escorted off campus.

Resources

Campus Counseling and Support

For Students

[University Health Center](#)

Phone: [402-472-5000](tel:402-472-5000)

For Faculty & Staff

[Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#)

Phone: [402-472-3107](tel:402-472-3107)

Other Resources

Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services

Phone: [1-800-QUITNOW \(1-800-784-8669\)](tel:1-800-QUITNOW)

American Lung Association

Phone: [1-800-LUNGUSA \(1-800-586-4872\)](tel:1-800-LUNGUSA)

American Cancer Society

Phone: [1-800-227-2345](tel:1-800-227-2345)

