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# Smoke Free



The university is committed to promoting a healthy, safe and comfortable environment for all students, faculty, staff and visitors. Smoking is prohibited in all indoor and outdoor facilities on university owned and leased property with no exception, including within vehicles parked on those properties. This includes all university owned and leased housing, dining, hotel, retail, athletic and performance facilities and all teaching, research, clinical and office space. In addition to university owned and operated student housing facilities, this policy also applies to any property occupied by any fraternity or sorority officially recognized by the university.

For purposes of this policy, smoking is defined as inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying or possessing any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, electronic cigarette, hookah or other lit product and including the use of any substance, including but not limited to tobacco, cloves or marijuana.

Refusal by faculty, staff or students to comply with this policy may result in appropriate disciplinary action. Visitors who refuse to comply will be asked to leave and could be subject to arrest for trespassing should they persist.

## **Exceptions**

Smoking may be permitted:

- In connection with research if approved by the USC Institutional Review Board or other appropriate research committee through the Office for the Protection of Research Subjects
- For ceremonial use on USC property with prior approval of the sponsoring department and the Office of Cultural Relations and University Events
- For university-sponsored theatrical and performance purposes where simulation of smoking may be permitted under approved guidelines

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