

# **Tobacco-Free Policy**

## **University of Illinois Springfield**

### **July 1, 2016**

#### **Purpose**

To provide an environment that promotes the health, well-being, and safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors at the University of Illinois Springfield by minimizing the negative effects of tobacco products; improve fire safety; and to encourage a healthier, more sustainable environment.

#### **Scope**

This policy applies to any individual on campus property, including but not limited to students, faculty, staff, other employees, contractors, subcontractors, volunteers, visitors and members of the public, and is applicable twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

#### **Authority**

Pursuant to the University of Illinois Statutes and the General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure, the Chancellor is the chief executive officer for the campus and has the responsibility for the safety of personnel and property on the campus. This policy supports and furthers the goals of the [IL Smoke-Free Campus Act](#), the [IL Smoke-Free Campus Act Addendum](#), the [Smoke Free Illinois Act, 410 ILCS 82/1 – 90](#), and the [Litter Control Act, 415 ILCS 105/1 – 14](#), which prohibits discarding litter on public property in Illinois.

#### **Policy**

As of July 1, 2016, smoking and use of tobacco products is prohibited on all campus property at the University of Illinois Springfield, both indoors and outdoors, in university-owned vehicles and in privately-owned vehicles parked on or traveling through campus property. The sale, advertising, or free sampling of tobacco products is also prohibited on campus property. Littering the remains of tobacco products or any other related waste product on campus property is further prohibited.

#### **Definitions**

- “smoking” means
  1. Lighting, burning, inhaling or exhaling any type of matter or substance that contains tobacco, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, beedies, kreteks, water pipes, bongs, and hookahs;
  2. lighting or burning of non-tobacco plants or marijuana; and
  3. using electronic cigarettes.

- “tobacco products” means all forms of tobacco, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, beedies, kreteks, water pipes, bong, and hookahs, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco and any non-FDA approved nicotine delivery device or product.
- “campus property” means any property owned, leased, occupied, operated or otherwise controlled by the University of Illinois Springfield, including but not limited to academic and auxiliary buildings, classrooms, laboratories, residences, residence halls, elevators, stairwells, restrooms, roofs, meeting rooms, hallways, lobbies and other common areas, conference facilities, athletic complexes and facilities, exterior open spaces, shuttle buses, shuttle bus stops, university-owned parking lots, driveways, loading docks, university-owned streets, sidewalks and walkways.

## **Processes/Procedures/Guidelines**

1. The campus shall post notices bearing the message “Tobacco-Free Campus” or the international “No Tobacco” symbol or similar signage at critical areas across the campus, such as at building entrances. However, this policy applies to all campus property whether or not such notices are posted.
2. Organizers of and attendees at public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social events, cultural events, and sporting events, as well as non-university events held on campus property must abide by this policy. Organizers of such events are responsible for informing attendees of this policy.
3. An individual may inform someone smoking or using tobacco product on campus property of this policy and request that the smoker or tobacco user comply with the policy. Noncompliant individuals who are perceived as threatening or violent may be referred to the UIS Police Department. An individual or campus subject to the tobacco prohibitions of this Act may not discriminate or retaliate in any manner against a person for making a complaint of a violation of the Act or furnishing information concerning a violation to a person, campus, or governing authority.
4. Individuals found to be noncompliant will be subject to existing campus disciplinary measures:
  - a. For students, such noncompliance will be referred to the Office of the Dean of Students.
  - b. For employees, such noncompliance will be referred to the employee's supervisor and the Human Resources Department.
  - c. For contractors and subcontractors, such noncompliance will be referred to the campus unit responsible for monitoring performance of the applicable contract.
  - d. Visitors and members of the public who refuse to comply with this policy may be asked to leave campus.
5. Requests for variances or exceptions to this policy must be requested in advance, and in writing, to the Department of Human Resources.

## Helpful Links-

Illinois Tobacco Quitline

<http://quityes.org/>

American Lung Association

<http://www.lung.org/#>

CDC Tobacco Quitting Assistance

[http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/quit\\_smoking/how\\_to\\_quit/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/quit_smoking/how_to_quit/index.htm)

Smoke Free Gov.

<http://smokefree.gov/>

Smoking Cessation Leadership Center

<http://smokingcessationleadership.ucsf.edu/>

University of Pittsburgh Smoking Cessation

<https://www.ashp.org/DocLibrary/Policy/Tobacco/Educational-Kit.aspx>

American Cancer Society

<http://www.cancer.org/cancer/lungcancer/index>

Treating Tobacco Dependence Practice Manual

[http://www.aafp.org/dam/AAFP/documents/patient\\_care/tobacco/practice-manual.pdf](http://www.aafp.org/dam/AAFP/documents/patient_care/tobacco/practice-manual.pdf)

Make It Your Business: Insure a Tobacco Free Workforce

<http://dhmh.maryland.gov/healthiest/Documentts/North%20Dakota%20%20Department%20of%20Health-%20Employer's%20Toolkit%20for%20a%20Tobacco-Free%20Workplace.pdf>

UIC Smoking Cessation

[http://www.uic.edu/depts/nwc/smoking\\_cessation.html](http://www.uic.edu/depts/nwc/smoking_cessation.html)

UIUC Smoking Cessation

[http://www.mckinley.illinois.edu/general/tobacco\\_info.htm](http://www.mckinley.illinois.edu/general/tobacco_info.htm)