

UL Lafayette Tobacco-Free Policy

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<http://safety.louisiana.edu/sites/safety/files/Tobacco%20Free%20Policy%20approved%20June%202014.pdf>

General-In accordance with Act 211 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette intends to provide a tobacco-free environment for its faculty, staff, students, and visitors. Smoking and the use of all tobacco products is prohibited within all University buildings, facilities, campus grounds, University vehicles, and all property that is owned, operated, leased, occupied or controlled by the University, except in special situations defined in this document. Any advertising, marketing, or promotion of tobacco products or tobacco-related companies is prohibited on a University campus, at University sponsored events or through other University assets. Distribution of tobacco products is prohibited on a University campus or at University sponsored events. Littering a campus with the remains of tobacco or smoking related products is prohibited.

Purpose-This policy is created to promote the health, well-being, and safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette by minimizing the negative effects of tobacco use and encouraging a more sustainable environment. This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, visitors, and contractors. This policy is applicable to all University buildings (owned, leased, or occupied), athletics facilities (indoor and outdoor), campus grounds, and University vehicles.

University department heads and directors are responsible for ensuring that this information is communicated to everyone under their supervision. An explanation of the tobacco-free campus policy is to be communicated to prospective and enrolling students and new employees. Additionally, event planners shall be asked to include information about the policy in materials distributed to persons that use University facilities. Assistance with tobacco use cessation for students, faculty, and staff is available through the Office of Student Health Services and the Counseling and Testing Center.

Compliance with this policy is expected from all University students, faculty, staff, visitors, and contractors. Persons who are non-compliant shall be asked to comply by their respective administrative supervisors. Persons who repeatedly refuse to comply with this policy will be referred to the Office of Human Resources (if an employee) or the Office of Student Life and Conduct (if a student) for appropriate disciplinary action. Visitors in violation of this policy will be referred to this document for review and asked to stop violating the policy. Visitors repeatedly in violation of this policy will be referred to University Police and asked to leave the campus.

Tobacco use may be permitted on University-owned properties that are leased or otherwise convey an interest to a non-University party, according to the provisions of the applicable lease or agreement, and with the prior approval of the Vice President for Administration and Finance. Tobacco use in facilities that are not owned, leased, or controlled by the University are subject to the tobacco policies applicable to those particular facilities, and are exempt from this policy.

Exceptions-This policy does not apply to:

- Grounds outside of athletics facilities during NCAA events, including parking lots and tailgating areas.
- Smoking in personally owned vehicles parked or being driven on the campus. However, because University Parking Garages are considered State buildings, smoking is not allowed within vehicles that are parked within these garages.
- Public sidewalks that border the campus. For more information, please see the map on the Tobacco-Free Policy Page (<http://www.safety.louisiana.edu/resource-center/policies/tobacco-free-policy>).
- Areas within a fenced construction project in which the contractor has complete care, custody, and control of the job site.
- The use of tobacco products necessary in the course and scope of University research provided the University employee obtains the prior approval of the Vice President for Research.
- Tobacco smoke generated from research must be contained within a laboratory fume hood.
- The use of tobacco-less electronic cigarettes (or “e-cigarettes”), provided that they are only used on campus grounds as defined in this policy. In other words, the use of e-cigarettes is not permitted inside buildings. Parking garages are considered state buildings and as such, are not permitted within parking garages.
- Natural organic pesticides containing tobacco or tobacco derivatives and used in the official maintenance of the University campus grounds or as an academic instructional material.

This policy shall become effective August 1, 2014.