

Alaska Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Model Policy for Tobacco Free College Campus Tobacco-Free Environment

The _____ [College/University] is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its students, employees, and visitors. In light of findings of the U.S. Surgeon General that exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke and use of tobacco are significant health hazards, it is the intent of the Board to establish a tobacco-free environment. Consequently, smoking and the use, distribution, or sale of tobacco, including any smoking device, or carrying of any lighted smoking instrument, in enclosed _____ [College/University] buildings including, but not limited to, all offices, classrooms, hallways, waiting rooms, restrooms, meeting rooms, community areas, performance venues and private residential space within _____ [college or university] housing or on _____ [College/University] premises including, but not limited to, parking lots, paths, fields, sports/recreational areas, and stadiums, as well as in all personal vehicles while on campus, at events on _____ [College/University] premises, or in _____ [College/University] owned, rented or leased vehicles, is prohibited without exception. All [College/University] employees, students, visitors and contractors are required to comply with this policy regardless of the purpose of their visit, which shall remain in force at all times.

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy, "smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying a lighted or heated cigarette, cigar, pipe, hookah, or tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including but not limited to marijuana, or using an electronic nicotine delivery system (such as an electronic cigarettes or vapes), or other smoking device.

“Tobacco product” is defined to include, but not be limited to, any cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, pipe tobacco, loose tobacco, electronic smoking device, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product; and smokeless or spit tobacco in any form, such as iqmik, dip, chew, snuff, or snus, or dissolvable. Under this definition, all nicotine products are derived from tobacco unless proven otherwise. This policy excludes FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy for the purpose of tobacco cessation.

This policy shall be enforced by the _____ [Campus Police *or applicable administrative department*]. Each violation of this policy is punishable by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) and/or appropriate campus disciplinary procedures.

Tobacco Related Advertising

No tobacco-related advertising or sponsorship shall be permitted on _____ [College/University] property, at _____ [College/University-] sponsored events or in publications produced by the _____ [College/University], with the exception of advertising in a newspaper or magazine that is not produced by _____ [College/University] and which is lawfully sold, bought or distributed on campus property. For the purposes of this policy, “tobacco-related” applies to the use of a tobacco brand or corporate name, trademark, logo, symbol or motto, selling message, recognizable pattern of

colors or any other indicia of product identification identical to or similar to, or identifiable with, those used for any brand of tobacco products or company which manufactures tobacco products.

The _____ [College/University] shall neither solicit nor accept any grant, gift or anything else of value from a manufacturer, distributor or retailer whose principal business is tobacco products.

Policy and Procedures

Procedures will be developed to offer or promote prevention and education initiatives that actively support non-use and address the risks of all forms of tobacco use. Procedures will also be developed to offer or promote programs and services that include practical evidence-based approaches to end tobacco use for students and employees who want to quit.

Copies of this policy shall be distributed to all faculty and staff and shall be included with information given to all admitted students. Information about the policy and how to comply with it shall also be posted on the [Name of College/University] website. Announcements concerning the policy and any changes to it shall be printed in campus newspapers and posted on the [Name of College/University] website to insure that everyone fully understands the policy. Signs prohibiting smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be posted at all points of entry to the _____ [college or university] campus and at all _____ [college or university] building entrances. No ashtrays shall be provided at any location on campus.

This policy is being announced _____ days prior to its implementation in order to give users time to adapt to its restrictions and to facilitate a smooth transition to a tobacco-free environment. On-site smoking cessation programs shall be made available to assist and encourage individuals who wish to quit smoking. Questions and problems regarding this policy should be handled through existing departmental administrative channels and administrative procedures.

Students, staff, and visitors may be referred to Alaska’s Tobacco Quit Line 1-800-QUIT NOW, which is a free tobacco cessation resource. The Quit Line is operated by the Alaska Tobacco Prevention and Control Program.

This Policy shall be effective on _____ [Date].

[Signature of Chief Administrator]

[Date]