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Tobacco-Free Campus

Policy Statement

EKU supports initiatives designed to foster a healthy campus climate for EKU faculty, staff, students, volunteers, vendors, patrons, customers, guests, visitors, and contractors ("Persons"). This Policy is designed to support health initiatives for EKU and its extended regional campuses by designating all EKU owned, rented and leased property as Tobacco-free, including surrounding exterior spaces and recreational areas.

Entities Affected by the Policy

This Policy is in effect for all Persons, at all times, who are attending classes, working, living, visiting, attending or participating in athletic events and all activities and programs on University owned, leased, occupied or controlled property including buildings and structures residence halls, housing facilities operated by Employee Housing, grounds, exterior open spaces, parking lots and garages, on-campus sidewalks, streets, driveways, stadiums, recreational spaces, practice fields, University Property outside the main campus such as regional campuses, farm facilities, art galleries, performance venues, and sporting venues and functions that are held in these facilities and venues This Policy is also in effect for all Persons, at all times, who are in vehicles owned, leased or rented by the University, including maintenance Vehicles, automobiles, shuttles, utility Vehicles, and golf carts as well as personal Vehicles while on University Property.

Policy Background

In 2005, a Smoke Free Zone Task Force developed a University-wide Smoke Free Zone Policy approved by the Board of Regents on June 12, 2006 effective July 1, 2006. This policy supersedes the 2006 Smoke Free Zone Policy.

Policy Procedures

The use of all Tobacco is prohibited on all Property that is owned, leased, occupied, or controlled by the University. This includes buildings and structures, residence halls, housing facilities operated by Employee Housing, grounds, exterior open spaces, parking lots, and garages, on-campus sidewalks, streets, driveways, stadiums, recreational spaces, practice fields, University Property outside the main campus such as regional campuses, farm facilities, art galleries, performance venues, and sporting venues and functions that are held in these facilities and venues.

The use of Tobacco is prohibited in Vehicles owned, leased or rented by the University, including maintenance Vehicles, automobiles, shuttles, utility Vehicles, and golf carts as well as while in personal Vehicles on University Property.

The University will provide educational information and programs on Tobacco use cessation.

Exemptions

- Tobacco use may be permitted for controlled research with prior approval of the appropriate dean or director. Smoke, like any other laboratory air contaminant generated, shall be controlled locally in a chemical hood or other exhaust system that provides 100% exhaust to the outside.
- Tobacco use may be permitted for educational, clinical, or religious ceremonial purposes or as part of University sanctioned theatrical events with prior approval of the appropriate dean.
- Tobacco use may be permitted on properties the University owns, but leases or otherwise conveys an interest (e.g. an easement) to a non-University party, according to the provisions of the applicable lease or agreement.
- Tobacco use may be permitted in employee housing units under current leases. Any new leases for new tenants after June 1, 2014 will prohibit the use of tobacco in employee housing units.

Definitions

University	Eastern Kentucky University (EKU)
Persons	EKU faculty, staff, students, volunteers, vendors, patrons, customers, guests, visitors and persons employed as an ECU contractors
Property	Property that is owned, leased, occupied, or controlled by the University including buildings and structures, residence halls, housing facilities operated by Employee Housing, grounds, exterior open spaces, parking lots, and garages, on-campus sidewalks, streets, driveways, stadiums, recreational spaces, practice fields, University Property outside the main campus such as regional campuses, farm facilities, art galleries, performance venues, and sporting venues and functions that are held in

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Vehicles

Vehicles owned, leased or rented by the University, including maintenance Vehicles, automobiles, shuttles, utility Vehicles, and golf carts as well as personal Vehicles on University Property.

Tobacco

All forms of Tobacco including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), electronic cigarettes, bidis, clove cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products (snuff, chewing tobacco, and dipping tobacco). Tobacco does not include nicotine replacement therapies such as patches, gum or prescription medication intended to assist an individual in quitting the use of Tobacco.

Responsibilities

All Persons and members of the University community share in the responsibility for adhering to this policy and bringing it to the attention to visitors.

The authority for enforcement is vested in the Senior Vice President or appropriate Vice President in conjunction with the Executive Director of Human Resources and Vice President of Student Success.

Violations of the Policy

Violations of this policy are subject to the corrective action and disciplinary procedures as set forth in the Faculty Handbook, Staff Handbook or Student Handbook, as applicable. Persons refusing to comply may be asked to leave campus.

Interpreting Authority

Executive Director of Human Resources

Statutory or Regulatory References

Relevant Links

KRS 61.165

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