



2.3.2 Smoking and Tobacco-Free Policy

The university is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable and productive environment for its employees, students and guests. The Surgeon General of the United States has determined that cigarette smoking is the leading preventable cause of illness and premature death in the nation. Moreover, research indicates that non-smokers who are regularly exposed to passive (secondhand) tobacco smoke are also at increased risk of illness. Passive smoke appears to be especially deleterious to the health of certain populations, including the elderly, children and individuals with allergies, asthma, respiratory disease, or cardiovascular disease. For these reasons, the Surgeon General has urged employers to implement broadly-based health promotion programs with special emphasis on smoking cessation. The response to the Surgeon General's advice and the medical evidence has been an overwhelming trend toward protection of the health and safety of non-smokers.

Therefore, as an institution committed to providing a safe and healthful environment, the University of San Diego prohibits smoking and the use of any smoking or tobacco products at all times on or in any USD-owned or USD-leased property or facility, either indoor or outdoor. Effective August 18, 2015, all USD property shall be smoking and tobacco free.

This policy applies to all employees, students, contractors, vendors, guests, organizers and attendees at any on-campus programs or events, and other visitors.

No Smoking signs will be posted and maintained in public areas by the appropriate authority, with additional signs available for departments and administrative units to post within their areas as needed.

Additionally, smoking and tobacco products may not be sold, distributed or promoted on university property. The university will not accept smoking or tobacco related advertising on university property or within any university published materials.

For the purpose of this policy:

“Smoking” means smoking any substance, including but not limited to tobacco, cloves or marijuana.

“Smoking products” include, but are not limited to, all cigarette products (cigarettes, cigars, hookahs, pipes, etc.)

“Tobacco products” means any substance containing tobacco leaf, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, e-cigarettes, chewing

tobacco, dipping tobacco, or any other preparation of tobacco, whether or not such product is smoke-producing.

“Smoking or Tobacco related” applies to the use of a smoking or tobacco brand or corporate name, trademark, logo, symbol, motto, selling message, etc. identical to or similar to those used for any brand of smoking or tobacco products or manufacturer of smoking or tobacco products.

“USD-owned or USD-leased property or facility” includes, but is not limited to: all indoor and outdoor spaces on the USD campus or at off-campus locations owned or leased by USD, including all residence halls, buildings, classrooms, outdoor common and educational areas, recreational areas, athletic venues, dining areas, and university-owned and university-leased vehicles (regardless of location).

The only exceptions to the policy include:

- Smoking and/or tobacco use may be permitted for traditional ceremonial activities of recognized cultural and/or religious groups.
- Research involving tobacco or tobacco products, or tobacco use for educational or clinical purposes upon review and written preapproval as specified by campus procedures.

The university community is encouraged to take responsibility for communication and enforcement of this policy. Enforcement should be primarily educational with an emphasis on cessation resources.

Where this is not possible, does not occur or otherwise fails, then responsibility for enforcement of the policy shall be as follows:

Employees: Appropriate Supervisor or Manager

Students: Dean of Students or Designee

(Violations may be reported to residence hall staff and public safety officers.)

Visitors: Department of Public Safety

The consequences for a failure to comply with this policy will be determined as appropriate under the circumstances. Those consequences may include without limitation a request to refrain from the activities prohibited by this policy; a request to leave campus; in the case of a student, disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities, or, in the case of a university employee, disciplinary action in accordance with the university’s disciplinary process.

This policy shall be included in the Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities and the university’s policy manual. Information and services related to smoking and/or tobacco use, prevention and cessation are available for students and employees. Contact the Student Health Center or Human Resources for more information.

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