

Smoke & Tobacco - Free Policy

For Comment 4/22/13 to 7/1/13

Effective Date: September 1, 2013

BACKGROUND

In January, 2012 citing healthcare and environmental considerations, UC President Yudof asked that each UC Chancellor implement a smoke-free policy on his/her campus by January 2014. The president set out the key elements expected to be present in any such campus policy to maintain a smoke-free environment: that smoking, the use of smokeless tobacco products, and the use of unregulated nicotine products (e.g., “e-cigarettes”) be strictly prohibited in indoor and outdoor spaces, including parking lots, private residential space, and the Medical Center campuses; that the policy apply to all UC facilities, whether owned or leased; and that the sale or advertising of tobacco products be prohibited in University Owned or occupied buildings.

As a matter of policy, the University of California, San Diego endeavors to maintain a safe and healthful environment. 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 (second hand) tobacco smoke are also at increased risk of illness.

Since 1994, California law applicable to the University has required that state buildings and state vehicles provide and maintain a smoke-free environment. In 2004, the law was amended to extend the no-smoking zone to 20 feet away from the perimeter of buildings, and campus policy was modified accordingly. In 2009, the policy was again modified to increase the no smoking zone to 25 feet from building entrances to achieve LEED Green Building Certification on major construction projects, a requirement of the UC Policy on Sustainable Practices. In 2011 the UC San Diego Health System and Health Sciences campus became smoke-free. The change to a smoke and tobacco-free environment for the entire campus is consistent with UC San Diego’s commitment to being a leader in healthcare and to maintaining a safe and healthful environment for students, staff, faculty, volunteers and visitors.

I. REFERENCES

Link to campus smoking policy website: <http://smokefree.ucsd.edu>

Link to map of campus property: http://smokefree.ucsd.edu/assets/docs/UCSD_Map.pdf

Link to AB795

President Yudof’s letter to Chancellors, dated January 9, 2012:
http://smokefree.ucsd.edu/assets/docs/Yudof_Letter.pdf

[Link regarding LEED certification requirements and UCSD's policy regarding sustainable practices](#)

[California Government Code Sections 7596-7598, Smoking in State Buildings](#)

[Dynes to Chancellors, et al, 12/3/2003, University Policy on Smoking, amended 1/1/1994 and 1/1/2004](#)

[Gardner to Chancellors, et al, 8/1/88, University Policy on Smoking, amended 1/1/1994 and 1/1/2004](#)

II. **POLICY**

As an institution committed to providing a safe and healthful environment and in compliance with California's State law the University of California, San Diego prohibits smoking in all UCSD facilities. Effective September 1, 2013 all UC San Diego locations shall be smoke and tobacco-free. Smoking, use of smokeless tobacco products, and the use of unregulated nicotine products are strictly prohibited. This Smoke and Tobacco-free Policy applies to all UC San Diego facilities, owned or leased, regardless of location. No smoking is permitted in any indoor or outdoor area.

The Smoke and Tobacco-free Policy also covers all University parking lots, private residential space, the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, "Health Sciences Academic Campus" and the "UC San Diego Medical Center" complexes in Hillcrest and La Jolla.

Sale and advertising of tobacco products are prohibited in University of California-owned and occupied buildings.

Exceptions to the Smoke and Tobacco-free policy may be granted for the purpose of basic and clinical research studies approved by the UC San Diego Institutional Review Board.

III. **ENFORCEMENT**

The success of this policy depends upon the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of everyone. All share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy. Any problems should be brought to the attention of the appropriate supervisor and/or department head. If a problem cannot be resolved in this manner, recourse may be had by contacting the appropriate Dean, Director, or Human Resources Representative. There shall be no reprisal against anyone seeking assistance in enforcing this policy. Enforcement will be primarily educational where violators will be reminded of the policy and given resources for cessation. California law permits University Police to cite violators of this policy (AB795), but first attempts will be educational and the provision of resources to aid cessation.

V. **RESPONSIBILITIES**

A. All faculty, staff, students, patients, volunteers and visitors must observe this Smoke and Tobacco-free Policy. Supervisors are responsible for enforcing this policy in their respective areas, and for addressing problems through the existing administrative structure.

B. "UC San Diego is Smoke and Tobacco-free" signs will be posted and maintained in public areas by Capital Projects and Facilities Management (CPFM). Additional signs are available from CPFM for departments and administrative units to post within their areas as needed.

C. CPFM is responsible for ensuring that signs are displayed clearly at all entrances to the campus as well as in other conspicuous locations, to notify the public that smoking and use of tobacco is prohibited.