

Smoking on Campus

(Policy EHS0001)

I. Purpose/Scope of the Policy

It is the primary goal of UC Santa Cruz to promote a safe and healthy atmosphere for students, faculty, staff, and visitors on the University of California, Santa Cruz campus through reducing the health risks associated with tobacco smoke. The intent of this policy is to protect the rights of the nonsmoking community to breathe smoke-free air. This policy bans smoking in areas occupied by the nonsmoking population and applies to all individuals on the UCSC campus and includes all nonresidential University buildings and vehicles.

This policy discusses (A) possible health issues related to smoking, (B) the sale of tobacco products, and (C) responsibilities; (D) describes prohibited and designated smoking areas; and (E) provides additional information on stop smoking programs. This policy does not apply to (1) private rooms or apartments within dormitories, or (2) other residential buildings.

II. Detailed Policy Statement

A. Health Issues

1. The U.S. Public Health Service documents on the health consequences of smoking have conclusively established cigarette smoking as the largest single preventable cause of premature death and disability in the United States. In addition, recent evaluation of the data on low level exposure to environmental tobacco smoke has led the Surgeon General to conclude:
 - a. Involuntary smoking is a cause of disease, including lung cancer, in healthy nonsmokers.
 - b. Simple separation of smokers and nonsmokers within the same air space may reduce, but does not eliminate, exposure of nonsmokers to environmental tobacco smoke.
2. Cigarette smoke is a complex mixture of over 1200 identified substances which affect indoor air quality. Among them are carbon monoxide, nicotine, hydrogen cyanide, metals, aldehydes, phenol, ammonia, and sulfur dioxide. Exposure to these and other potentially harmful substances through environmental tobacco smoke in the workplace can be substantial both in duration and intensity. This is of particular concern for individuals exposed to industrial toxins whose effects may be intensified by tobacco smoke.

B. Sale of Tobacco Products

Tobacco products will not be sold on campus through either vending machines or campus establishments.

C. Responsibilities

Implementation of the campus smoke-free environment policy will be the responsibility of every student, faculty member, staff person, and visitor on campus. Building sponsors shall be responsible for ensuring that the policy is implemented and enforced in all areas under their jurisdiction. Individual supervisors shall be responsible for enforcement within their units.

D. Prohibited and Designated Smoking Areas

1. Smoking will be prohibited in the following areas:

- a. in all indoor areas of all public buildings on campus (no smoking signs will be posted on outside doors and entryways), specifically including but not limited to:
 - classrooms
 - meeting rooms
 - lecture and concert halls
 - libraries
 - computer rooms
 - study rooms
 - food preparation areas
 - eating facilities
 - offices (both private and shared)
 - laboratories
 - studios
 - medical facilities
 - child care centers
 - entryways
 - lobbies
 - reception areas
 - hallways
 - elevators
 - stairwells
 - break rooms
 - restrooms
 - shops
 - storerooms
 - garages
 - indoor sports facilities
- b. in the outside areas within 25 feet of building doorways, windows, and ventilation air intakes. (This includes patios underneath building windows.)
- c. in all University-owned vehicles, including shuttles, automobiles, and all types of delivery, maintenance, and service vehicles.

2. Outside areas near a building may be designated as smoking areas provided that:

- a. smoke will not enter the building
- b. it is not a thoroughfare for nonsmokers

- c. receptacles are available for the disposal of cigarettes

E. Stop Smoking Programs

UCSC supports and assists efforts to stop smoking by providing literature, referrals to community cessation programs and by sponsoring periodic campus smoking cessation programs. (A portion of the cost of completed campus-sponsored programs for faculty and staff may be subsidized when funds are available for this purpose.)

- a. Faculty and staff may obtain information from the campus Employee Assistance Services Program.
- b. Students may obtain information from the Student Health Center.

III. Definitions

IV. Getting Help

The campus ADA Compliance Officer for Facilities, Transportation, and Computing Access provides training and assistance to campus units (including help with completing forms, carrying out procedures, or interpreting policy).

If you need help with ...	Contact ...
...enforcement of this policy	Your building coordinator. (If you do not know who your building coordinator is, ask your unit head.)
...no smoking signs for your office/building	The Work Order desk (x94444).
...designating a smoking area	The ADA Compliance Officer for Facilities, Transportation, and Computing Access (x93759).
...education about the effects of tobacco	The Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Program Coordinator (x94866).
...smoking cessation programs for employees	The Employee Assistance Program (1-800-654-6717).
...smoking cessation programs for students	Cowell Student Health Center (x92211).

V. Applicability and Authority

This policy on *Smoking on Campus* applies to all individuals on the UCSC campus and includes all non-residential University buildings and vehicles.

This policy supersedes all previous campus policies on this subject.

The campus ADA Compliance Officer for Facilities, Transportation and Computing Access is the campus authority for the *Smoking on Campus* policy.

This policy was reviewed and approved by the Chancellor on May 7, 1997. Next review date is January 1999.

VI. Related Policies/References for More Information

Related Policies and Procedures

None

References

West's Annotated California Government Code § 19994.30 et. seq.