

MTFCN

Model Tobacco-Free Policy

[College/University/Post-Secondary Institution] POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

POLICY #: _____

DATE EFFECTIVE: _____

DATE REVIEWED: _____

DATE REVISED: _____

APPLICATION: Campus wide

¹[College/University/Post-Secondary Institution] is a 100% tobacco-free campus.*

*A 100% tobacco free campus is defined as a college, university, or post-secondary institution which prohibits all forms of tobacco (including smoking materials, such as cigarettes and cigars, hookah, electronic cigarettes, chew, snus, and split tobacco products) use and sale on school owned property, including classroom buildings, dormitories, fraternities and sororities, sports fields, parking lots (including personal vehicles on property) and outdoor common areas. Staff are to be aware, that under Maine State Law, smoking is prohibited from any and all [College/University/Post-Secondary Institution] owned vehicles.

[College/University/Post-Secondary Institution] joins with the Maine Tobacco-Free College Network (MTFCN) in supporting the science and findings of the U.S. Surgeon General that “there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke” and that tobacco use in any form, active or passive, is a serious health hazard.

[College/University/Post-Secondary Institution] acknowledges finding by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and American Cancer Society which classify secondhand smoke as a Class A/Group A carcinogen, which means it is a toxic substance known to cause cancer in humans.

²[College/University/Post-Secondary Institution] prohibits not only the use of tobacco products on school grounds, but also the sale and ³free distribution of tobacco products on school property and schools sponsored events.

All events, meetings and seminars operated or sponsored by [College/University/Post-Secondary Institution] are to be tobacco-free.

⁴The advertisement of tobacco products of any kind are prohibited from college-run publications, including periodicals and websites.

¹ Prohibit smoking within all university-affiliated buildings (including residence halls, administrative facilities, classrooms, and fraternities and sororities) and at all university sponsored events - both indoor and outdoor.

² Prohibit the sale of tobacco products on campus.

³ Prohibit the free distribution of tobacco products on campus, including fraternities and sororities.

The purpose of this policy is to eliminate involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke by faculty, staff, students and visitors of the campus. [College/University/Post-Secondary Institution] is fully supportive of tobacco-free lifestyles and encourages the elimination of this serious health risk from the lives of its students and staff. Currently, only 18.2% of Maine adults smoke and 70% of those report a desire to quit smoking and [College/University/Post-Secondary Institution] has developed a policy to help support these demographics. In addition, a tobacco-free campus helps protect the property from accidental fires, damages, and tobacco waste and litter. While [College/University/Post-Secondary Institution] encourages students and staff to seek treatment for their tobacco use, this policy does not require anyone to quit, rather refrain from use on the property for the protection and integrity of the campus and health of all visitors.

[College/University/Post-Secondary Institution] encourages tobacco users to seek treatment for their tobacco addiction. ⁵[College/University/Post-Secondary Institution], will supply quit support resources through [Department/Division/Program] and encourages individuals to contact the free Maine Tobacco Helpline at 1-800-207-1230 for reduced or no-cost telephone counseling and access to nicotine replacement therapy (NRT). Information on these, and other supportive programs for quitting tobacco use, will be advertised through campus.

⁶[College/University/Post-Secondary Institution] prohibits all campus organizations, including sports programs, Greek organizations, intramural and club activities, as well as academic programs from accepting funds from the tobacco industry. Faculty, staff and governing boards are to ensure all donations, grant funds, and trust dollars are free from tobacco industry ties. ⁷This provision extends to all university stock holdings and financial partnerships.

College administrators and Public Safety staff are responsible for the enforcement of the above mentioned policy. Violations are to be reported to the Office of Public Safety of the Office of the Dean of Students.

⁴ Prohibit tobacco advertisements in college-run publications.

⁵ Provide free, accessible tobacco treatment on campus – and advertise it.

⁶ Prohibit campus organizations from accepting money from tobacco companies.

⁷ Prohibit the university from holding stock in or accepting donations from the tobacco industry.