



Policies and Procedures

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The Introduction:

As of June 1, 2015, the University of New Haven will be Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free. Smoking, the use of smokeless tobacco products, e-cigarettes and unregulated products will not be permitted on any property, building or space occupied by the University of New Haven including but not limited to that which is owned, leased or managed on the Main Campus, North Campus, Sawmill Campus and Orange Campus.

This decision is based on the results of a 2014 survey of the UNH community and the goal to create a healthier learning and work environment for our students, faculty, staff and campus visitors.

Research shows that tobacco is the number one cause of avoidable death in the United States, and by establishing a Tobacco-Free/Smoke-Free Campus we will reduce exposure to carcinogens and asthma triggers. This is important for many reasons, including the fact that the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act requires us to maintain an accessible campus which provides accommodation for students and employees with medical conditions, such as asthma, that are triggered by second-hand smoke. This decision also will eliminate the litter caused by improper disposal of cigarette butts and allow facilities staff to focus their efforts on other areas of campus.

In February 2014, US Senator Christopher Murphy wrote college presidents across the state of Connecticut encouraging the implementation of tobacco-free and smoke-free policies. Several Connecticut colleges have adopted policies and with our policy change, UNH joins about 1,500 campuses across the United States that have already become tobacco/smoke-free. Over 50 years ago, the Surgeon General reported on the dangers of smoking and its direct ties to lung cancer. Even more research has been conducted which links secondhand smoke to many debilitating conditions including heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and other cancers. Much progress has been made to educate on the effects of tobacco products and secondhand smoke, however there is much that can be done. Today, approximately 1 in 5 people, nearly 43 million adults, smoke cigarettes. Tobacco use is responsible for more than 440,000 deaths in the US every year, with an additional 50,000 deaths due to secondhand smoke exposure.

We recognize that while the majority of the University community does not smoke, others struggle with this highly addictive practice and its many damaging effects. The ny and itg dgBT1 0 0 1 524.38 60

7014). The hosting department/organization and Campus Police reserve the right to ask the visitor/guest to leave campus immediately.

- 5) Violations by vendors should be brought to the attention of the hosting department/organization or the Purchasing Department (203-932-7129).
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9500.4 Cessation Assistance

The University of New Haven is committed to supporting all employees and students who wish to stop using tobacco or nicotine products. Assistance for faculty and staff to overcome tobacco or nicotine addiction is available through the University of New Haven health plan or the resources listed below. Student assistance is available through the Health Services Office, located on the ground level of Sheffield Hall.

Connecticut Quit Line

1-800-784-8669

www.quitnow.net/connecticut

EX—a new way to think about quitting smoking

www.becomeanex.org

Be Tobacco Free

betobaccofree.hhs.gov

Quit Tobacco

www.ucanquit2.org

UNH Employee Health Provider—Anthem Blue Cross, Blue Shield

1-800-922-2232

www.anthem.com

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