

# Model Tobacco-Free Policy for Colleges & Universities

## Purpose

According to the U.S. Surgeon General's Report of 2006, the Environmental Protection Agency Report of 1992, the South Carolina Clean Indoor Act of 1990, and the Federal Pro-Children Act of 1994, tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke (environmental tobacco smoke) are hazardous to the health of human beings. Supported by these findings, \_\_\_\_\_ College University will become a 100% tobacco-free, smoke-free campus effective \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

## Goals

The goal of this policy is to provide a 100% tobacco-free, smoke-free environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors within all college & university facilities (including dorms), vehicles, grounds and at all sponsored events. This goal will be achieved by:

- Exhibiting healthy behavior for all students, faculty, staff, visitors, and the entire community.
- Utilizing tobacco use prevention awareness & education programming and materials; and
- Providing access to cessation counseling and/or referral services for all students, faculty and staff.

## Procedures

In keeping with the University's mission and vision, we will:

- Prohibit the use of all tobacco products or paraphernalia, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, bidis, kreteks, smokeless tobacco and snuff by all students, faculty, staff and visitors.
- Provide and/or refer to cessation services separately for students and University employees.
- Assure that the free S.C. Tobacco Quitline information and materials are available to all students, faculty, staff and visitors.

## Enforcement

\_\_\_\_\_ College University will enforce this policy by determining appropriate educational and/or disciplinary actions for violators (students, faculty, staff, and visitors):

- Students: Verbal warning or conference with the Dean of Students, mandatory enrollment in a tobacco prevention education program, monetary fines, community service, or suspension from extracurricular activities.
- Faculty and Staff: Verbal warning, written reprimand placed in personnel file, mandatory enrollment in a tobacco prevention education program, or suspension without pay.
- Visitors and Vendors: Verbal request to cease the use of tobacco or in cases where visitors or vendors fail to comply, request to leave University property, or in extreme cases, notification that police will be called.

## Education and Assistance

As a worksite, leadership/management will be responsible for educating students, staff, faculty and visitors about the new policy and provide assistance for compliance.

## Tobacco Industry Marketing or Sponsorship

\_\_\_\_\_ College University will not accept any contributions or gifts, money or materials from the tobacco industry. \_\_\_\_\_ College University will not participate in any type of services that are funded by the tobacco industry. In addition, any gear, paraphernalia, clothing, etc. that advertises tobacco use or tobacco products will not be allowed on campus grounds or in the possession of students, faculty or staff at school-sponsored events.