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Smoke & Tobacco - Free Policy

BACKGROUND

In January, 2012 citing healthcare and environmental considerations, University of California (UC) President Yudof directed each UC Chancellor to 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 and tobacco-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 UC San Diego Health and Health Sciences campuses; that the policy apply to all UC facilities, whether owned or leased; and that the sale or advertising of tobacco and or unregulated nicotine products be prohibited in University owned or occupied buildings.

As a matter of policy and pursuant to California Government Code Section 7597.1, the University of California, San Diego endeavors to maintain a safe and healthful environment. The Surgeon General of the United States has determined that tobacco use 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 Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Certification on major construction projects, a requirement of the UC Policy on Sustainable Practices. In 2011 UC San Diego Health 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 maintaining a safe and healthful environment for students, staff, faculty, volunteers and visitors.

I. POLICY

As an institution committed to providing a safe and healthful environment and in compliance with California State law, the University of California, San Diego prohibits smoking in all UC San Diego 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 (including, for example, all University parking lots, private residential space, the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, "Health Sciences Academic Campus" and "UC San Diego Health" complexes in Hillcrest and La Jolla). No smoking is permitted in any indoor or outdoor area.

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With the exception of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved nicotine replacement products used for tobacco use cessation (i.e., patch, gum, nasal spray, inhalers and lozenges), the sale and advertising of regulated (local, state, federal) and unregulated tobacco or nicotine products are prohibited on the UC San Diego campus and in any buildings or other spaces owned or leased by UC San Diego.

Exceptions to the Smoke and Tobacco-free policy may be granted for the purpose of

- research studies if they adhere to any applicable EH&S health and safety guidelines and (as applicable) are approved by the UC San Diego Institutional Review Board or the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and
- ceremonial use at the UC San Diego campus and other UC San Diego Owned or Leased Property with prior approval of the sponsoring department and the Fire Marshal's Office.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. All faculty, staff, students, patients, volunteers and visitors must observe this Smoke and Tobacco-free Policy.
- B. "UC San Diego is Smoke and Tobacco-free" signs will be posted and maintained in public areas by Facilities Management (FM). Additional signs are available from FM for departments and administrative units to post within their areas as needed.
- C. FM 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.
- D. Managers, supervisors and administrative officers are encouraged to answer questions and concerns by their employees and constituents regarding this Policy. Concerns related to application of this Policy should be forwarded to the responsible department head.
- E. Compliance with this Policy is grounded in informing and educating members of the University community and visitors about the Policy and supporting those who use Tobacco Products to seek treatment for tobacco dependence. In order to maintain a tobacco-free environment, notifying others about the Policy will be an ongoing effort to enhance awareness of and foster compliance with this Policy. The campus Smoke-Free Policy Committee is responsible for providing information and answering questions regarding smoking cessation resources. See the [UC San Diego Tobacco Free web site](#) for more information.

REFERENCES

[UC San Diego Smoke and Tobacco-Free website](#)

[Map of campus property](#)

[Assembly Bill 795 Public postsecondary education; smoke-free campuses](#)

[President Yudof's letter to Chancellors, dated January 9, 2012](#)

[Sustainable Practices](#)

[California Government Code - Smoking in State Buildings \(7596 – 7598\)](#)

[University Office of President Smoke and Tobacco Free Policy](#)

[UC San Diego Health MCP 813.2 Smoke and Tobacco Product-Free](#)