

METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS



Tobacco-Free University Policy

University Policy #1070

Section 1. Policy

In recognition of the fact that smoking and/or use of tobacco is a serious health hazard to non-tobacco users as well as tobacco users, Metropolitan State University adopts a tobacco free campus policy to provide a safer, healthier, and cleaner environment for students, faculty, staff and guests.

This policy prohibits the use of any smoking and tobacco related products while on Metropolitan State University campus property and requires compliance with the policies in place at any of our leased facilities. "Tobacco Use" includes use of lighted and electronic cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or any other lighted smoking materials, chew and snuff. This definition does not include smoking cessation products.

Exceptions will be made in accordance with the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act, MS 144.4167, which allows tobacco use in traditional Native American ceremonies, scientific studies and theatrical productions. Arrangements for such exceptions must be in well ventilated areas, conform to local fire code requirements and have advance approval by Building Services.

All university students, faculty, staff, contractors, vendors and visitors are responsible for complying with the tobacco free campus policy. Violations of this policy will be handled like other work rule or policy violations and subject to discipline.

Section 2. Authority

This policy is established in accordance with the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act, Minnesota Statutes 144.411 to 144.417.

Section 3. Effective Date

This policy shall become effective on May 1, 2014 and shall remain in effect until modified and/or removed.

Section 4. Responsibility

The responsibility for implementation of this policy is assigned to the Vice President of Administrative Affairs.

Section 5. Review

This policy will be reviewed as needed.

Section 6. Approval

Issued on this 21st day of November, 2013

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sue K. Hammersmith", is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

President, Sue K. Hammersmith, Ph.D.