



Tobacco and Smoke Free Policy

Understanding that there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke and that tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United State, Husson University is committed to providing a healthy working and learning environment for all campuses. To that end, a smoke-free, tobacco- free campus policy has been established. The purpose of this policy is to reduce harm from tobacco use and secondhand smoke, provide an environment that encourages persons to be tobacco-free, reduce health insurance and health care costs, and promote a campus culture of wellness. This policy applies to faculty, staff, students, contractors, vendors and visitors. The use of tobacco and all smoking products is not permitted on any university-owned property, which includes but is not limited to, buildings, university grounds, parking areas, walkways, recreational and sporting facilities and university-owned vehicles. As an institute of higher learning, it is our honor and obligation to provide as healthy an atmosphere as possible for the members of the Husson Community and their guests.

Tobacco use by definition includes the possession of any lighted tobacco products, or the use of any type of smokeless tobacco.

- Smoking, the burning of any type of pipe, cigar, cigarette, e-cigarette or similar product, snuff and chewing tobacco is prohibited in all campus buildings, including residence halls, as well as in all vehicles owned, leased or rented by the University. This includes all campuses of Husson University and all parking lots. This means that you may not smoke in your car while it is parked in a Husson University parking lot.
- Attendees at public events using Husson University facilities, such as conferences, meetings, events at the Gracie Theater, and athletic events must abide by this policy.
- Distribution and advertisements of tobacco products on campus are prohibited.

Through the Circle of Wellness Program, the University is offering smoking cessation programs for students, faculty and staff who desire to quit smoking. Reimbursement for prescription copayments or other smoking cessation devices are available by providing receipts for purchases.

Compliance with this policy requires the cooperation and respect of all members of the community, both smokers and non-smokers. While we need to be respectful, the policy will be strictly enforced. Non-compliance for staff should be brought to the attention of the immediate supervisor, and if necessary, to the attention of the Human Resources Department. Those violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action. Noncompliance among students should be brought to the attention of the office of Student Life, and will be subject to the appropriate disciplinary process. Noncompliance in parking lots, other public space and after hours or at events hosted on campus will be referred to the Security Department. Depending on the circumstances, offenders may be asked to leave the campus.

For information on tobacco cessation resources and services, please contact:

(students) Student Health Center 941-7625
(employees) University Wellness Program 941-7019

Husson University appreciates your compliance with this policy for the benefit of everyone.

Resources available to you:

American Lung Association
1-866-761-4806

American Cancer Society
1-800-420-7897

Tobacco Free Maine
Maine Tobacco Helpline
1-800-207-1230