

Tobacco-Free Policy

University Of Maine Tobacco-Free Campus Policy

Preamble

The University of Maine is committed to providing a healthy working and learning environment for the entire campus community. To that end, a tobacco-free campus shall be 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.

Policy

The University of Maine is a tobacco-free campus. This policy applies to faculty, staff, students, contractors, vendors and visitors. The use of tobacco, e-cigarettes, vapor pens and all smoking products are 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.

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

Responsibilities

It is the shared responsibility of all members of the campus community to respect and abide by this policy.

Administrators, deans, directors, department chairs, supervisors and event sponsors will communicate the policy within their areas of responsibility. Supervisor training can be found at: [Supervisor Training](#)

The University of Maine will provide access to tobacco cessation resources to UMaine students and employees.

Implementation

The successful implementation of this policy depends on the courtesy and cooperation of the entire campus community.

Appropriate signage will be posted in campus facilities, on the UMaine website and elsewhere to inform members of the campus community and visitors of the Tobacco-Free Campus Policy.

The policy will be communicated in appropriate university publications and contracts. University publications include but are not limited to electronic notifications, handbooks, brochures and other university-generated materials.

This policy shall be effective on January 1, 2011. Compliance with this policy is expected.

If an individual has a difficult time complying with this policy, he/she should talk to a supervisor or the Division of Student Affairs to access resources for stopping tobacco use.

Resources

For more information about the Tobacco Free Campus Policy, contact Student Wellness Resource Center at 581-1423.

For information on tobacco cessation resources and services, contact:

Student Wellness Resource Center 581-1423 (students)

University Wellness Program: 581-4090 (employees).

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