

## **University Of Southern Maine Tobacco-Free Campus Policy**

### **Preamble**

The University of Southern 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 Southern Maine is a tobacco-free campus. 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, campus walkways, recreational and sporting facilities, and university or personally-owned, rented or leased vehicles.

Tobacco use by definition includes the possession of any lighted tobacco products, or the use of any type of smokeless tobacco, including but not limited to chew, snuff, snus, electronic cigarettes, and all other nicotine delivery devices that are non-FDA approved as cessation products.

### **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.

The University of Southern Maine will provide access to tobacco cessation resources to USM Maine 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 USM 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.

## **SALES AND MARKETING**

1. The sale and free distribution of tobacco products on any USM campus is prohibited.
2. Campus organizations are prohibited from accepting money or gifts from companies who are primarily engaged in the sale and promotion of tobacco products
3. Tobacco advertisements are prohibited in all University-run publications.
4. All contracts with off campus vendors shall provide that the University's name or logo will not be used in connection with tobacco promotions

## **Resources**

### **For more information about the Tobacco Free Campus Policy, contact:**

Students: Office of Community Standards at 780-5242

Employees: Office of Human Resources at 780-5115

### **For information on tobacco cessation and services, contact:**

Students: University Health and Counseling Services at 780-5411  
The Well-Wellness Resource Center at 780-5158

Employees: USM Employee Wellness Program at 228-8151  
University Benefits Center 866-269-9635.

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