

## Tobacco and Smoke Free Policy

Tobacco use by students, faculty, staff, visitors, vendors and contractors is prohibited at all times.

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 States, 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 prohibits smoking and tobacco use: on any university owned, leased and affiliated buildings including residence halls, administrative facilities, classrooms – On all University owned and leased grounds - at all University sponsored events – both indoor and outdoor. In all University owned, leased or rented vehicles and in all personal vehicles parked on university owned, leased and affiliated property.”

### **Sales and Marketing**

1. The sale and free distribution of tobacco products on any Husson University 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 Universities name or logo will not be used in connection with tobacco promotions.

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.

### **Smoking & Tobacco Definitions**

**Smoking** means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe or joint, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookahs and marijuana, whether natural or synthetic in any manner or in any form. Smoking also includes the use of an electronic smoking device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumvention the prohibition of smoking in this policy.

**Tobacco** is defined as all tobacco-derived or containing products, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, cigarillos, bidis, kreteks; all smokeless and dissolvable tobacco products, including but not limited to, dip spit/spit-less, chew, snuff, snus and nasal tobacco; and any product intended to mimic tobacco, containing tobacco flavoring or delivering nicotine, including but not limited to, electronic nicotine delivery systems, e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-hookahs, vape pen or any other product name or descriptor. Or the use of any other type of tobacco or nicotine product for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of tobacco in this policy. This does not include products specifically approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the purpose of cessation or nicotine replacement therapy.

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 or Office of Student Life 941-7107

(Employees) University Wellness Program 941-7019