

# University Policies

<b>Policy Name:</b> Tobacco and Smoke-Free Campus	<b>Effective Date:</b> July 1, 2011
<b>Custodian of Policy:</b> Vice President for Finance and Administration	<b>Last Review:</b> July, 2008
	<b>Next Review:</b> September, 2017

## Policy

Minnesota State University, Mankato prohibits smoking, tobacco use, and tobacco sale (including the use or sale of smokeless tobacco products) on property or in vehicles it owns, operates or leases.

### Phased Implementation:

A campus community policy education and cessation campaign will begin at the start of fall semester 2011. The prohibition of smoking, tobacco use, and tobacco sale on property or in vehicles it owns, operates or leases will begin January 1, 2012, with the exception of residence hall residents who may smoke outside of residence halls (but at least 15 feet from entrances.) The exemption for residence hall residents sunsets on May 15, 2012.

## Procedures

### Definitions:

**Smoking:** The burning of any type of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, or any other smoking equipment, whether filled with tobacco or any other type of material.

**Smokeless Tobacco Products:** Smokeless tobacco consists of the use of snuff, chewing tobacco, smokeless pouches, or other forms of loose leaf tobacco.

### Policy Enforcement

All members of the campus community are empowered and encouraged to approach and advise violators, in a non-confrontational manner, of the campus smoking policy.

### Policy Exceptions

1. An exception for instructional purposes allows for the use of tobacco products in laboratory and classroom instruction/experiments or artistic purposes. All research, educational, and/or artistic purposes that involve the use of tobacco on campus must be approved in advance by the President or his/her designee. Such use must be preceded by reasonable advance notice to the public.
2. This policy does not apply to tobacco products used in connection with the practice of cultural activities by American Indians that are in accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. sections 1996 and 1996a or other ceremonial use. The use of tobacco products for these activities must be approved in advance by the President of the University or his/her designee. Such use must be preceded by reasonable advance notice to the public.

## Cessation Programs and Services

To support Minnesota State Mankato students and employees who wish to reduce and/or quit using tobacco products, a variety of tobacco cessation resources are available on the university website.

## Policy Rationale

Minnesota State Mankato is committed to promoting a clean, safe, and healthy living, learning, and working environment for all students and employees of the University.

In addition, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Board of Trustees passed a resolution, dated March 16, 2010, stating:

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees encourages each college and university to consult with its employees and students about additional steps the institution should take to:

1. Educate employees and students about the danger of tobacco use to themselves and others;
2. Provide information to employees and students about smoking cessation resources available;  
and
3. Further restrict tobacco use.