

Smoke- and Tobacco-Free Policy

To provide a healthy and safe environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors on campus, and to create a cleaner and more sustainable campus community, smoking and tobacco use is prohibited on all campus property at North Park University, both indoors and outdoors, in University-owned vehicles, and in privately-owned vehicles parked on campus property.

The advertising and selling of cigarettes, cigars, tobacco products or the like is prohibited on campus property. Littering the remains of these products or any other related waste product on campus property is further prohibited.

This policy applies to any individual on campus property, including, but not limited to, students, faculty, staff, other employees, contractors, subcontractors, volunteers, visitors, and members of the public.

Definitions

- a. **Smoking** is defined as the use of smoke-producing tobacco products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, mini-cigars, e-cigarettes, tobacco alternative vapor or vaping products, and hookahs. All forms of smoking are prohibited on all campus property.
- b. **Tobacco Use** is defined as the use of any tobacco product including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, mini-cigars, hookah, chewing tobacco, snuff, and other smokeless tobacco products. All forms of smoking and tobacco use are prohibited on all campus property.
- c. **E-Cigarette Use** or **Vaping** is defined as the use of electronic smoking devices and/or electronic nicotine-delivery systems. Use of these products and delivery systems is also prohibited within all University buildings, facilities, and vehicles, even without the use of nicotine, and may be subject to confiscation and/or disposal.
- d. **Campus Property** means any property owned, leased, occupied, operated, or otherwise controlled by North Park University, including, but not limited to, all campus buildings, classrooms, laboratories, residences, residence halls, elevators, stairwells, restrooms, conference rooms, hallways, athletic complexes and facilities, lobbies, and other common areas, exterior open spaces, and University-owned parking lots.

Guidelines

All University employees, students, visitors, guests, and contractors are required to comply with this policy. All members of the University community are encouraged to share the responsibility for bringing this policy to the attention of visitors.

- a. North Park constituents who do not respect these policies will receive intervention in accordance with employee- or student-conduct policies.
- b. Off-campus visitors, guests, and contractors who violate this policy will be counseled appropriately.

Exceptions

- a. The use of tobacco products may be permitted in laboratory and classroom instruction and experiments, or for educational, artistic, or theatrical purposes.
- b. FDA-approved tobacco/nicotine cessation aids, such as nicotine patches and gum, are not prohibited.