

University Policy on Smoking

PS-76

POLICY

It is the policy of Louisiana State University to provide its students, faculty, staff and other members of the University community with a tobacco smoke free environment within its facilities; however, the University does not otherwise prohibit the smoking of tobacco by its students and employees and does not discriminate against tobacco smokers in employment or conditions of employment.

Accordingly, except as otherwise provided by this policy, smoking is prohibited within all University facilities and vehicles. Persons choosing to smoke outside University buildings and other facilities should avoid the immediate entrance and exit areas of buildings to prevent subjecting others to second-hand tobacco smoke.

1. Smoking in University residential buildings and food service areas shall be in accordance with policies established by the administrative units responsible for such buildings and food services with the approval of the Office of the Chancellor. Where designated smoking areas are provided, such areas shall be clearly marked by signs.

2. Smoking at special events open to the general public shall be in accordance with policies established for those facilities for special events with the approval of the Office of the Chancellor. Examples include Tiger Stadium, the Pete Maravich Assembly Center, Pleasant Hall and similar facilities; however, other than during special events, smoking shall be prohibited in these facilities.

3. Requests for exemption to this policy shall be directed to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, which will coordinate and monitor the review process with the Building Coordinator and others concerned for recommendation to the Office of the Chancellor for action.

4. Smoking policies developed in accordance with Number One and Number Two above and exemptions to it proposed in accordance with Number Three above shall address the following considerations:

a. Whether benefits to students, employees and visitors outweigh health, safety and environmental factors.

b. The specific area for which exception is to be made and appropriate signs for such designation.

c. Measures to protect the rights of non-smokers.

- d. The time period for which the exception is requested.
 - e. No exception may be made which conflicts with PS-29, "Environmental Control in the Classroom" nor where smoking has been proscribed by the State Fire Marshal.
5. Smoking is prohibited in all University vehicles without the express consent of all occupants.