



Smoking Policy

Purpose of Policy

It is the philosophy of The University of Alabama in Huntsville to provide its faculty, staff, and students with a campus environment that encourages personal health and well-being. In accordance with this philosophy and the scientific evidence of the negative effects of smoking and exposure to environmental tobacco smoke it is The University of Alabama in Huntsville's intent that all facilities maintain a smoke free environment.

Extent of Policy

The no-smoking policy will apply to all University physical facilities and fleet vehicles. Smoking is permitted in designated areas only. Each faculty, staff, and student member of The University of Alabama in Huntsville is expected to abide by the terms of the smoking policy.

Guidelines:

- 1) Smoking is not allowed in University facilities and property. This includes all buildings, housing, residence halls, and vehicles.
- 2) Building entrances in which smoking is not permitted will be designated with appropriate signage. Smoking is not permitted within 25 feet of these areas. Cigarette receptacles will be placed at least 25 feet away from these entrances.
- 3) Building smoking entrances will not be located near air intakes.
- 4) The sale, distribution, and advertisement of tobacco products are prohibited on campus.
- 5) The University policy on smoking will be communicated in writing to all prospective students and candidates for employment.
- 6) All members of The University of Alabama in Huntsville campus community are responsible for adhering to and enforcing this policy. Complaints that cannot be remedied through personal request must be brought to the attention of the violator's immediate supervisor or the Dean of the academic building which the violation occurred.

Responsibilities

As per state law, signs will be maintained on each building indicating smoking is not allowed in UAH facilities. Signs are maintained by the UAHuntsville Facilities and Operations Department.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety will designate smoking and non-smoking entrances. The entrances will be designated based on location of air intakes and covered areas. At least one covered entrance per building, where available, will be designated as a smoking entrance provided it is not near an air intake.

Signs will be affixed and maintained to non-smoking entrances by the Facilities and Operations Department. The signs must indicate that smoking is not allowed within 25 feet.

The Facilities and Operations Department, Grounds Management, will place ash urns in the designated smoking areas away from non-smoking entrances.

The Wellness Center, upon request, will provide smoking cessation resources to all interested students.

Enforcement is the responsibility of the individual's supervisor to be enforced as a violation of university policy.

Human Resources shall incorporate the revised smoking policy into the faculty and staff handbooks.

The Judicial Affairs Officer shall incorporate the revised smoking policy into the student handbook.

The Vice President for Housing shall incorporate the revised policy into the Housing Handbook.

Risk Management shall incorporate the revised policy into the Fleet Vehicle Safety Policy.

The Employee Clinic will provide information and referrals for smoking cessation.