

State University of New York at Oswego Campus-wide Policy on Smoking

Background

Health risks associated with smoking are well documented. Since 1990 when SUNY Oswego first restricted smoking, additional studies have indicated that exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (second hand smoke) is a significant risk for the non-smoker. The college is responsible for providing a safe environment for its students, faculty, staff and visitors. Consequently, we have implemented a more rigorous campus-wide policy on smoking.

Policy

Smoking is strictly prohibited in all **non-residential college buildings**, at outdoor events and in all vehicles and equipment owned, leased or operated by the SUNY Oswego, Auxiliary Services or the Oswego College Foundation. Doorways and loading docks are considered part of a building and the prohibition extends to a minimum of 20 feet from buildings and air intakes. **Residential and dining facilities** prohibit smoking except in designated areas. Smoking is prohibited in all common areas including bathrooms, lounges, offices, corridors, elevators and employee break rooms. **Sale of tobacco products** on campus will be phased out and discontinued. Concerns regarding this policy may be directed to the Director of Human Resources or the Dean of Students. (See Appendix A for implementation dates relating to Residential Facilities, Dining Facilities and sale of tobacco products.)

Education, Cessation and Support

SUNY Oswego recognizes that tobacco is an addictive substance; that use of tobacco adversely affects physical health and productivity; that ceasing the use of tobacco may be difficult; and that persons wishing to cease the use of tobacco often need support. The prevention of tobacco use behaviors provides positive health and community benefits. Prevention is best served through organized and consistent programming across the entire campus community. SUNY Oswego is committed to providing access to cessation services and prevention programming for all members of the campus community.

Students- Tobacco cessation services and prevention programming are offered for students during the fall and spring semester. Prevention programming occurs through active and passive methodologies. Students interested in cessation programs are encouraged to contact the LifeStyles Center at lifestyle@oswego.edu or 312-5648.

Faculty and Staff- Tobacco cessation services and prevention programming are offered for faculty and staff on a year-round basis. Prevention programming occurs through active and passive methodologies. Faculty and staff interested in cessation programs are encouraged to contact the Employee Assistance Program at 312-5546 or the Office of Human Resources at 312-2230.

Compliance

This policy relies on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers for success. It is the responsibility of ALL members of the college community to observe the policy and to remind others, including visitors, of their responsibility. Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of this policy may be in violation of Article 13E of the New York State Public Health Law. (See Appendix B for applicable Public Health Law.) Complaints regarding individual violations of this policy should be referred to the appropriate Academic Dean, Vice President or the Dean of Students. If a determination is made that a violation of the policy has occurred a warning will be issued to the individual in violation of the policy. Should continued violations occur, the matter will be referred to the Office of Human Resources (faculty and staff) or the Judicial Affairs Office (students) for disciplinary action.

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Appendix A
Residential and Dining Facilities
Tobacco Products

Residential Facilities

Fall 2002

Smoking prohibited residence halls are Riggs, Scales, Johnson, Moreland, Hart, Seneca and Oneida. Smoking permitted buildings are Onondaga, Waterbury, Cayuga, Funnelle and Lonis. In buildings where smoking is permitted, it will be by room.

Fall 2003 Cayuga Hall will be added to the smoking prohibited list of buildings. This will raise the number of smoking prohibited resident spaces on campus to 2,350. Additionally, in buildings where smoking is permitted, the practice of allowing smoking and non-smoking rooms to be designated throughout the building will be discontinued. Effective Fall 2003, even in smoking permitted buildings, smoking will be allowed only on smoking permitted floors, sections or wings.

Fall 2004 The Smoking Policy Review Group will monitor the implementation of the current policy together with emerging scientific research and make recommendations for change in the Campus-wide Policy on Smoking as appropriate.

Dining Facilities

Fall 2002-Smoking Prohibited

Java 103 (Lanigan Hall)
The Junction (Swetman Hall)
Snygg Snacks (Snygg Hall)
The Forum Restaurant (Hewitt Union)
Lakeside Dining Center
Mackin Dining Center
Commissary Building (employee break rooms)

Fall 2003—Additional Smoking Prohibited Facilities

Pathfinder Dining Center

Fall 2004—Additional Smoking Prohibited Facilities

Cooper Dining Center
Littlepage Dining Center

Tobacco Products

Fall 2003-Reduce sales space by 30%
Fall 2004-Discontinue sale of tobacco products on campus

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Appendix B
NYS Public Health Law, Smoking
Article 13-E - Regulation of Smoking in Certain Public Areas

PBH - Public Health

1399-N - Definitions.

1399-O - Smoking restrictions.

1399-P - Posting of signs.

1399-Q - Smoking restrictions inapplicable.

1399-R - General provisions.

1399-S - Violations.

1399-T - Enforcement.

1399-U - Waiver.

1399-V - Penalties.

1399-W - Limitation of causes of action.

1399-X - Rules and regulation