

Policy to Prohibit Smoking and the Use of Other Tobacco Products on the Campuses of Whitworth University

Because we recognize the hazards caused by exposure to environmental tobacco smoke as mentioned in the 2010 and 2014 U.S. Surgeon General's Reports, as well as the life-threatening diseases linked to the use of all forms of tobacco and secondhand smoke, it shall be the policy of Whitworth University, effective Jan. 1, 2019, to provide a smoke- and tobacco-free environment for all students, employees and visitors. This policy covers the smoking of any tobacco product and the use of oral tobacco products. The Whitworth University Student Health Center and the Health Education Action Team, in collaboration with other university officials, will develop and maintain a plan for communicating the policy to their constituents including, but not limited to, the following:

- Students
- Employees
- Guests
- Contractors
- Vendors
- Trustees

Whitworth University is committed to providing its students, staff and faculty a safe and healthy working and learning environment. Therefore, beginning Jan. 1, 2019, Whitworth University will implement the following policy:

1. Smoking and use of other tobacco products is prohibited on university premises. This applies to students, staff, faculty and visitors.
2. **Definitions** For the purposes of this policy, these terms are defined as but not limited to:
 - a. Tobacco product: any type of product containing, made or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption.
 - i. Includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, hookah, vaporizers, all forms of smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, clove cigarettes and other alternative products.
 - ii. Does not include nicotine-replacement products designed to aid in smoking cessation and used for that purpose.
 - b. Tobacco-use: all forms of consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed or ingested by any other means.
3. **Premises** The policy will be enforced:
 - a. In all campus buildings, facilities or property owned, leased or operated by Whitworth University.
 - b. This includes outside areas on campus grounds and facilities or vehicles that are the property of the university.

- i. Occupants of personal vehicles on property owned, leased or operated by Whitworth University are also subject to this policy.
 - ii. Athletic facilities owned or used by Whitworth University are included as this policy will be enforced at all athletic events.
 - iii. This policy will be enforced at all lectures, conferences, meetings and social/cultural events held on university property or campus grounds.
- c. Designated smoking areas will not be provided.
 - i. Smoking waste management products such as ashtrays and outdoor smoking receptacles shall be removed.

4. Compliance

- a. For students:
 - i. Consequences for students engaging in prohibited behavior will be in accordance with the institution's student conduct policies. Students who violate the tobacco-use policy will be processed through established disciplinary protocol. If students have acquired an addiction to tobacco/nicotine, they may contact the student health center for smoking cessation resources.
- b. For faculty/staff and visitors:
 - i. Consequences for employees who violate the tobacco-use policy will be in accordance with personnel policies of Whitworth University. If employees have acquired an addiction to tobacco/nicotine, they may contact human resources for smoking cessation resources.
 - ii. Visitors using tobacco products will be asked to refrain while on Whitworth University's property or leave the premises. University security officers may be contacted to escort the person off the premises.