

# SEATTLEU

## TOBACCO FREE POLICY

*Effective: July 1, 2015*

### I. Overview

To promote a safe and healthy educational and work environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors, Seattle University has adopted a tobacco and smoke free campus policy.

### II. Policy

The use or sale of tobacco products is prohibited on and within all Seattle University owned, leased, or managed property and at university sponsored off-campus events. Products approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the uses of mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease are permitted under this policy.

This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

### III. Background

The Surgeon General of the United States has determined that smoking remains the leading preventable cause of death and disease in the United States and that even low-level exposure to tobacco products and cigarette smoke, including exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke, is dangerous. Evidence has shown that the use of smokeless tobacco and nicotine delivery products such as electronic cigarettes can also cause adverse health effects. Moreover, cigarette litter has been shown to be harmful to the environment. Therefore, this Tobacco and Smoke Free Campus policy has been adopted in order to promote the holistic health and wellness of all members of the university community.

### IV. Compliance

Compliance with this policy is the responsibility of all members of the Seattle University community (faculty, staff, and students). Members of the Seattle University community are invited to assist with the implementation of this policy by respectfully informing tobacco users of this policy.

Repeated violations of this policy may result in disciplinary or corrective action.

### V. Definitions

**“Tobacco Products”** refers to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, all forms of smokeless tobacco, clove cigarettes and any other smoking devices that use tobacco (e.g. hookahs), and nicotine delivery devices that simulate the use of tobacco (e.g. electronic cigarettes, vaping).

**“Products approved by the Food and Drug Administration”** refers to nicotine-containing products approved by the FDA for tobacco cessation therapy, such as gums, patches, lozenges, etc.

**VI. Tobacco Cessation**

Seattle University recognizes that quitting tobacco use is a personal choice and can be a significant challenge. Seattle University is committed to assisting members of our community in their tobacco cessation efforts. Tobacco cessation programs are an integral component in implementing this policy. A complete listing of these resources can be found at [www.seattleu.edu/TobaccoFree](http://www.seattleu.edu/TobaccoFree).

**VII. Policy Contact Information**

Questions may be directed to the Dean of Students Office at (206) 296-6060 or [judicial@seattleu.edu](mailto:judicial@seattleu.edu), or the Office of Human Resources at (206) 296-5870 or [hr@seattleu.edu](mailto:hr@seattleu.edu).

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