

## Tobacco Free Policy

Effective August 1, 2014, Northwestern State University became a Tobacco-Free University.

Northwestern State University recognizes the hazards caused by tobacco use on the health of our community; we shall implement the following policy to provide a tobacco-free environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors of this campus.

The use of tobacco products is always prohibited on all NSU property and as follows:

- In all interior spaces on NSU's main campus and all satellite locations
- In all property leased or operated by NSU
- In all housing located on NSU campus
- In all indoor and outdoor athletic facilities
- In any vehicle owned or leased by NSU
- In all personal vehicles while on the campus of NSU while parked or moving

The policy applies to the use of tobacco products including smoking of cigarettes, cigars, pipes or the use of chewing or spit tobacco, electronic smoking devices (i.e., e-cigarettes, vapors), or the use of any other oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking and or use of other tobacco products.

Tobacco is defined as: cigarettes, cigars, pipe, pipes or rolling tobacco, tobacco substitutes (e.g. clove cigarettes), chewing or spit tobacco, or any type of electronic smoking device.

Smoking is defined as: inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying, or possessing any lighted or heated tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, hookah, and other lighted or heated combustible plant material. Smoking also includes the use of electronic smoking devices.

Electronic Smoking Device is defined as any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the produce the product. The term includes any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, vape pen, nicotine inhaler, or under any other product name or descriptor.

## Faculty, Staff and Students

· Shared responsibility of the Northwestern State University faculty, staff, and students to enforce the tobacco-free environment by encouraging colleagues, students, visitors, and others to comply with the policy. Faculty, staff, and students should communicate the policy with visitors with courtesy and respect. Should the faculty, staff, and students encounter difficulty with enforcing this policy, they should contact campus police and/or university administration.

### University Administration

· University administration are responsible for implementing and enforcing NSU's tobacco-free environment among faculty, staff, and students. This includes ensuring faculty, staff, and students are adequately informed of the policy and of the disciplinary actions that will be taken should they not meet compliance.

### Campus Police/Security

· Campus Policy/Security are responsible for implementing and enforcing NSU's tobacco-free environment among faculty, staff, and students. This includes ensuring faculty, staff, and students are adequately informed of the policy and of the disciplinary actions that will be taken should they not meet compliance.

**Students who violate the tobacco-free policy may also be referred to the Louisiana Quit-Line (1-800-QuitNow; [www.quitwithusla.org](http://www.quitwithusla.org)), which is a free counseling service for tobacco cessation.**

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