

UC SANTA BARBARA POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Smoking

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SMOKING

I. SCOPE

This policy applies to everyone on campus or within UCSB managed property, with the exception that smoking may be permitted in some residences.

II. BACKGROUND

The Surgeon General of the United States has determined that cigarette smoking is the leading preventable cause of illness and premature death in the United States. Moreover, research indicates that non-smokers who are regularly exposed to passive (second-hand) tobacco smoke are also at increased risk of illness. Passive tobacco smoke appears to be especially harmful to the health of persons with allergies, asthma, respiratory diseases or cardiovascular disease. UCSB strives to provide a safe and healthy environment for its students, faculty, staff and visitors. Therefore, UCSB has adopted the following policy on smoking.

III. POLICY

To protect the health, safety and comfort of university faculty, students, staff, and visitors, smoking is restricted on UCSB managed property. Where the needs of smokers and nonsmokers conflict, the need to breathe smoke-free air shall have greater weight.

A. Smoking is prohibited:

1. In all university owned, leased, or managed buildings (except as noted below in B);
2. In all vehicles owned or operated by the university; and
3. Within 20 feet of the entrances, exits, operable windows, and ventilation intakes of all occupied university owned, leased or managed buildings.
4. Where outside seating is provided adjacent to food service facilities, at least 50% of the area shall be free of tobacco smoke.

B. Smoking may be permitted in university owned, leased, or managed:

1. Student residences where self-contained units may be designated for smoking or non-smoking occupancy; and
2. Private residences.

C. Tobacco Advertising and Sales

1. Advertising tobacco products in university managed and occupied facilities is prohibited with the exception that newspapers and magazines containing tobacco advertisements may be sold in university facilities where sales are permitted.
2. The advertising of tobacco or smoking materials in official university publications is prohibited and strongly discouraged in other university publications.
3. The sale or distribution of tobacco or smoking materials on campus or in university-managed facilities is strongly discouraged.

D. Educational materials and information on smoking cessation programs are available from Student Health Service.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

The ability to protect the UCSB community from the ill effects of tobacco smoke relies on the consideration and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers.

- A. Each department head is responsible for ensuring that faculty, staff, students and visitors within their area are informed of the university's smoking policy.
- B. Each member of the UCSB community is responsible for observing the policy.
- C. Department heads, deans, and vice chancellors are responsible for assuring that those within their respective areas comply with the policy.

V. REFERENCES

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- B. [California Codes, Government Code, Sec. 19994.30 -19994.35
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- C. Presidential letter to Chancellors, December 3, 2003.
- D. [UCSB Environmental Health and Safety, Policy 5400; June 1, 1989.
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