

Get the Facts

- Business lose \$506 million worth of productivity due to smoking.
- Every year, Nebraska spends \$630 per person, regardless of age, for smoking-related health care expenses and lost productivity.
- Less than 17 percent of Nebraskans Smoke; 185 percent of Nebraskans don't allow smoking in their homes.
- There is no safe level of exposure to tobacco smoke.
- Secondhand smoke is responsible for tens of thousands of deaths in the United States each year.
- Reducing exposure to secondhand smoke is vital to improving public health.
- Only smoke-free air laws provide effective protection from secondhand smoke.

Legality of Smoke-Free Policies:

- There is no constitutional right to smoke.
- Smokers are not a specially protected category of people under the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause.
- Under the Due Process Clause of the constitution, smoking is not a specially protected liberty.
- The Fundamental right to privacy does not apply to smoking.

Smoke-free policies are legal to implement and enforce.

Tobacco Free in the Panhandle

Are you ready to adopt a Tobacco Free Policy today?

For technical assistance and resources contact:

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Adopting a Tobacco Free Policy saves lives and money

WELCOME TO OUR TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS

Policy prohibits the use of tobacco products.
Everywhere - By everyone - At all times
Thank you for your cooperation and support.



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Thank you for not smoking within 15 feet of this entrance.



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Change is in the air take the first step today!

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*All resources available to residents of the Nebraska Panhandle.
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Sample Tobacco-Free Campus and Vehicle Policy

Purpose

A tobacco-free policy has been adopted. [Business] is committed to promoting the health, well-being, and safety of everyone on our campus. Tobacco uses poses serious health risks to the tobacco user and to nonsmokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke. The policy set forth below is effective [Date] for [Business].

Smoke-Free Areas

Tobacco use is prohibited on all property owned, leased or operated by [business]. This consists of all buildings, all grounds, including exterior open spaces, sidewalks, parking lots; and in all [business] owned or leased vehicles. This policy includes all tobacco and nicotine products including e-cigarettes.

Sign

"Tobacco-free" signs must be prominently posted at every campus **Requirements** and building entrance and in other conspicuous places.

Compliance

Compliance with the tobacco-free policy is mandatory for all employees and persons visiting, with no exceptions. All employees and contractors are expected to observe this policy as a condition of continued employment. All employees are authorized and encouraged to approach employees, contractors, and visitors who are violating the policy and courteously remind them of the policy. If situations arise where employees are not comfortable fulfilling this function, they should notify [manager and phone number] of violations.

Questions

Any questions regarding the tobacco-free policy should be directed to [manager and phone number].

[NOTE: This policy may be modified for each business.]



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