

University of Nebraska at Kearney
Tobacco Free Policy

The University of Nebraska at Kearney is committed to providing a safe, respectful, healthy and clean environment for all members of our university community. This commitment, combined with extensive research about the detrimental effects of tobacco use, local and national trends toward tobacco free campuses, and feedback from members of our campus community provides the rationale for UNK to become a tobacco free campus.

Policy Language

The use, distribution, sale or advertisement of all forms of tobacco (including but not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, pipes, hookah pipes, chew, snus, snuff, etc.) is prohibited within all university owned, leased or controlled buildings, walkways, arenas, playing fields, in university owned vehicles/motorized equipment and on University owned, leased or controlled property. This policy applies to all employees, students, faculty, vendors, contractors, visitors, and guests.

Items to Consider:

Personal possession of tobacco products is not prohibited on campus property
Tobacco in vehicles
Tobacco use during unique events (graduation, guest athletic events, etc.)
Research purposes and acceptance of funding from tobacco companies for research purposes
Theatrical productions

Policy Enforcement:

The success of this policy relies on the thoughtfulness, cooperation, communication and respect from all tobacco and non-tobacco users. It is the shared responsibility of the members of our campus community to adhere to this policy and encourage others to comply with this policy.

Individuals who refuse to comply or are consistently non-compliant may be reported through existing student, faculty, staff or guest administrative processes.

In the rare circumstance that an individual who is asked to comply with this policy becomes hostile, as with all policies, Campus Police may be contacted to assist in resolving the situation.

Items to Consider:

What are current administrative procedures for non-compliance of policy?

Policy Transition:

Communication of policy to all students
Communication of policy to all new students
Communication of policy to faculty/staff from supervisors in writing and verbally
Trained Wellness Group (comprised of students, faculty, staff) to inform individuals about the transition
Campus signage (Welcome to our Tobacco-Free Campus) all buildings, primary literature
Assistance for tobacco-dependent members of our campus community

Referenced University of Central Missouri, Creighton University, UNMC, St. Cloud State University, University of Illinois-Chicago, Ohio State University, Pittsburg State University, Des Moines Area Community College