

San Ignacio University Tobacco- Free and Smoke-Free Environment

Legal Authority: [Fla. Statutes 1001.64, \(5\)](#)

GENERAL STATEMENT

In accordance with the Florida Clean Air Act, the university shall establish a no smoking program. San Ignacio university is committed to promoting a safe and healthy environment for its faculty, staff, students, and visitors. Extensive research shows that tobacco use, including smoking and breathing secondhand smoke, is a health hazard. Accordingly, it is the intent of the District Board of Directors to establish a tobacco-free university environment.

THE POLICY AND THE FACULTY AND STAFF AND THE STUDENT

The use, distribution or sale of tobacco or objects or devices intended to simulate tobacco use, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff, vapor devices, water pipes or hookah electronic cigarettes, and cigars is prohibited in all indoor and exterior areas of all property and facilities owned, leased, or operated by the university. The prohibited areas include, but are not limited to, entranceways, enclosed hallways within the university, parking lots, grounds, stairways and exit ways. Smoking is prohibited in university leased or owned vehicles whether on university property.

Littering the campus with the remains of tobacco products or any other disposable product is prohibited.

All faculty, staff, students, contractors, vendors, and visitors are expected to comply with this policy.

Organizers and attendees at public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, and social events, using the university facility shall abide by this policy. Organizers of such events are responsible for communicating this policy and its enforcement to attendees.

The scope of this prohibition does not apply to any non-smoking products indented for use in smoking cessation program as dermal patches.

IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT

The President, Finance, and operations and or their designee has responsibility for the implementation and oversight of this policy, including the investigation of any alleged policy violation.

VIOLATION OF POLICY

The responsibility for the enforcement and communication of this policy rests with all members of the university community. Visitors, contractors, and other individuals on university property who are in violation of this policy should be reminded of the policy and asked to comply by immediately ceasing smoking, (or otherwise using tobacco) and discarding the Tabacco. If the individual refuses to comply they may be asked or required to leave the university property.

All staff, faculty, and students in violation of the policy should be reminded of the policy and asked to comply. Employees who fail to comply with this policy should be reported to the president, or his designee. Students who fail to comply with this policy should be reported to the Dean of Academic Affairs and student services respectfully. These people or their designees will follow with the employee or student regarding the policy and available resources.

Continuing violations may also result in appropriate disciplinary action up to and including dismissal in accordance with established student, staff, and or faculty code of conduct procedures.

Definitions:

Tobacco – any tobacco product, object or device including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing, tobacco, snuff, vapor devices, electronic cigarettes, and electronic cigars.

Smoking – Possession of lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, water-pipe or hookah or any product consumed in a similar manner; and the use if an unlit cigarette, cigar, pipe, water-pipe or hookah, or the use of an electronic cigarette/e-cigarette, cigar, pipe, or any other device intended to simulate smoked tobacco.

Property and Facilities – Includes but not limited to all common work areas, elevators, hallways, restrooms, dining areas, conference and meeting rooms, grounds, entrance and exit ways, parking lots, walkways, sidewalks, and personal vehicles.