

Dominican University Tobacco-Free Campus Policy

1. Scope

Dominican University is committed to providing a safe and healthy working and learning environment for the students, faculty, staff, sisters and campus guests.

2. Purpose

Dominican University recognizes that environmental tobacco smoke has been classified as a Group A carcinogen by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Due to the risks associated with tobacco smoke exposure, the university has adopted a tobacco-free campus policy in order to minimize health risks, improve the quality of air and enhance the campus environment.

3. Individuals Covered

This policy affects all persons who at any time are physically located on Dominican's Main or Priory campus.

4. Policy

The use of tobacco products is prohibited at all times while on Dominican University property.

- Tobacco is defined as all tobacco-derived or containing products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes (clove, bidis, kreteks), electronic cigarettes, cigars and cigarillos, hookah-smoked products, and oral tobacco (spit and spitless, smokeless, chew, snuff).
- Use of tobacco product is defined as follows: The inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying of any lighted smoking material on campus property, including but not limited to all outside property or grounds owned or wholly leased, sidewalks, parking lots, outdoor seating areas, stadium seating and all landscaped and recreational areas and all university vehicles and moving equipment.
- Smoking materials must be extinguished and disposed of prior to entering upon Dominican University property*, or exiting your vehicle. Improper disposal includes but is not limited to: littering (i.e. discarded cigarette butts and/or throwing cigarette butts out of windows).

* The Priory Campus main entrance is accessed through property owned by the Village of River Forest:

ORDINANCE 111201: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING USE OF THE PARKS OF RIVER FOREST, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS states that the smoking of cigarettes, cigars, or pipe tobacco is prohibited inside or within 25 feet of any building, facility or structure, or within 100' of any organized activity within the Park System.

5. References

American College Health Association, ACHA

[http://www.acha.org/documents/resources/guidelines/ACHA Position Statement on Tobacco Nov2011.pdf](http://www.acha.org/documents/resources/guidelines/ACHA_Position_Statement_on_Tobacco_Nov2011.pdf)

Aurora University <https://aurora.edu>

No-smoke.org <http://no-smoke.org/pdf/smokefreecollegesuniversities.pdf>

Village of River Forest Website- <https://vrf.us/>

6. Questions About This Policy

Any questions regarding the policy should be directed to the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration in the Business Office or by referring to our Faculty, Staff and Student Handbooks.
(to be added to handbooks)

7. Stakeholders and Approvers

President's Cabinet is the approver of the policy. The following departments could be affected by violation of the policy: Human Resources, Public Safety, Office of the Provost, Business Affairs, Student Affairs, and Residence Life.

8. History

Approved by President's Cabinet January 8, 2016

Effective date of policy per President's Cabinet August 15, 2016