



Policy 01:135 – Smoking

The University of Montevallo is committed to the health and wellness of its students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The State of Alabama adopted the Alabama Clean Indoor Air Act, which protects building occupants from exposure to secondhand smoke. Accordingly, the interior of all University of Montevallo buildings are smoke free. Smoking is limited to outdoor areas on campus that are at least 25 feet away from building entrances and exits of all University-owned facilities.

Definitions

To “smoke” and “smoking” means creating smoke, vapor or any other type of emission by lighting a cigarette, cigar, pipe or other smoking product including but not limited to electronic cigarettes or vapor cigarettes; it means puffing on, carrying or holding a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other tobacco and /or smoking product including but not limited to electronic cigarettes or vapor cigarettes.

“Secondhand smoke” means smoke, vapor or any other type of emission emitted from lighted, smoldering or burning tobacco and/or smoking product from a person smoking cigarettes, cigars, pipes or other tobacco and/or smoking product including but not limited to electronic cigarettes or vapor cigarettes.

Smoking Restrictions

Smoking is prohibited inside all buildings operated or leased by the University of Montevallo including, but not limited to, classrooms, laboratories, studios, open and private offices, corridors, dining areas, restrooms, arenas, auditoriums, and common areas.

The minimum outside smoking distance is 25 feet from any building entrance, outdoor passageway to an entrance or any air intake where smoke would affect occupants and those entering or leaving the area.

Smoking is prohibited inside all vehicles that are owned, leased or rented by the University.

Smoking is also specifically prohibited in areas identified by the university to be smoke free zones as indicated by the universal sign for non-smoking or a “no smoking” sign.

Exceptions

Private, single family dwellings are subject to the smoking preferences of the occupants.

Requests for designated outdoor, outside, or exterior smoking areas should be forwarded to the Director of Physical Plant for approval.

Enforcement

This policy shall be enforced according to the rules established in University of Montevallo policies and faculty, staff, and student handbooks.

Off-campus organizations, alumni, guests, and visitors using University facilities must abide by the provisions of this policy.

Failure to comply with this policy will constitute a violation of official University policy and may result in disciplinary action up to, and including, expulsion or termination. It may also constitute a violation of State law and subject violators to associated civil penalties.

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