Tobacco Free Policy
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Beginning Jan. 1, 2008, IU South Bend will be a tobacco-free campus. Indiana University has determined that all campuses will be smoke free in order to promote the health and well-being of employees, students and others on campus.

IU President Michael McRobbie has approved the policy presented by IU South Bend. The policy was developed by an ad hoc campus committee and approved by Chancellor Reck.

In brief, the policy for IU South Bend states that the use and sale of tobacco and tobacco products is prohibited on university owned-, operated-, or leased-properties. The parking lots and garage owned by the university are included in the ban. However, the use of tobacco products in personal vehicles is allowed, provided users make a reasonable effort to contain smoke and smoking materials inside the vehicle.

Violations of policy will be addressed through existing processes already in place for students, faculty and staff. Smoking cessation programs will be offered to all employees and students at little or no cost to participants.

The following is the tobacco free campus policy

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INTRODUCTION

Indiana University has determined that all campuses will be smoke-free in order to promote the health and well-being of employees, students, and other constituents. This following IU South Bend campus policy is in response to the University-wide policy requirement as well as the overall desire to provide a healthier work and learning environment for our campus community.

CAMPUS POLICY

This new Tobacco-Free Campus policy becomes effective January 1, 2008.

The use or sale of tobacco or tobacco products is prohibited on university owned-, operated-, or leased- property.

The use or sale of tobacco or tobacco products is prohibited in university owned-, operated-, or leased- vehicles.

The parking lots and garage owned by the university are included in the ban. However, the use of tobacco products in personal vehicles is allowed, provided users make a reasonable effort to contain smoke and smoking materials inside the vehicle.

Violations of the policy will be addressed through existing processes already in place for students, faculty, and staff.

Smoking cessation programs will be offered to all employees and students at little or no cost to participants. Continuation of the cessation programs will be evaluated annually to determine if these programs should be continued based on interest and participation.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Who are the people responsible for making this policy work?

The success of this policy depends on the thoughtfulness, consideration, good will, and cooperation of both tobacco users and non-users. Further, enforcement of this policy requires the cooperation of all faculty, staff, and students not only to comply with this policy but also to encourage others to comply with the policy in order to promote a healthy environment in which to work, study, and live. All members of the IU South Bend community, as well as visitors, share in the responsibility of adhering to and enforcing this policy.

How will the policy be enforced?

Violations of the policy will be addressed through existing processes already in place for students, faculty, and staff. Student violations will be processed under the Student Code of Conduct administered by the Judicial Affairs Office. Complaints regarding violations of this policy by persons employed by the university should be referred to the appropriate office for review and administrative action: for faculty the Academic Affairs Office and for staff the Human Resources Office.

What should I do if I observe someone violating the policy?

Tobacco users are expected to voluntarily comply with the policy. Anyone who observes a possible violation may courteously and without confrontation inform the individual of the tobacco-free policy and attempt to offer an information sheet. The information sheet outlines the tobacco-free campus policy. Tear-off copies of the information sheet can be found on Tobacco-Free Campus posters throughout the campus. Those who suspect another is violating the policy may report it to the appropriate unit for possible disciplinary action.

What are the boundaries that define what is and is not campus property?

1. The main IU South Bend campus is bounded by the following streets: Mishawaka Avenue to the North; Esther Street to the West; 20th Street to the East; and Hildreth Street and Northside Boulevard to the South. These streets and the sidewalks on both sides of them are public right-of-ways.

2. The Tobacco-Free Campus policy will be enforced inside the buildings and on the grounds within these main campus boundaries.

3. The bridge across the St. Joseph River, the campus housing, and the grounds surrounding the campus housing are University-owned property where the Tobacco-free campus policy will be enforced.

4. The houses owned by the University along Hildreth Street, Esther Street, and Bellevue Avenue, including their front and back yards, are University-owned property where the Tobacco-Free campus policy will be enforced. The sidewalks lining these streets are a public right-of-way.

5. The Tobacco-Free campus policy will be enforced in the Sculpture Studio inside leased property at 910 E. Wayne Street.

6. The Elkhart Center at 125 E. Franklin Street in Elkhart is University-owned property and the Tobacco-Free campus policy will be enforced in this building and its surrounding grounds. The sidewalks along East Franklin Street in front of and East Marion Street in back of the Elkhart Center are public right-of-ways.

7. The Tobacco-Free campus policy will be enforced on any other property that may become owned, leased, or operated by IU South Bend in the future.

Can I smoke on public right-of-ways (e.g., sidewalks)?

Although the sidewalks along city streets are a public right-of-way, we request as a courtesy to others and in keeping with the tobacco free commitment of the campus, that individuals refrain from tobacco use on the sidewalks adjoinning campus property.

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If I want to quit smoking, where can I get help?

The Wellness Center and the Counseling Center are available to provide students with information about smoking cessation options. The Human Resources office is available to provide employees with information about smoking cessation options and how they are covered under various health insurance plans.