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UW-River Falls Administrative Policy	Title: Tobacco-Free Campus
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## Policy

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls acknowledges and supports the findings of the Surgeon General that tobacco use in any form, active and passive, is a significant health hazard. In light of the health risks, and in support of a safe and healthy learning and working environment, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls has set the following tobacco-free campus policy implemented on July 1, 2013.

The purposes of this policy are to reduce harm from secondhand smoke, provide an environment that encourages persons to be tobacco-free, establish a campus culture of wellness and environmental responsibility, and promote a tobacco-free future.

For the purpose of this policy, “tobacco” is defined to include any lighted cigarette (such as clove, bidis, kreteks), cigars, pipes, and hookah products; any other smoking products (such as e-cigarettes or vaping products); and any smokeless, spit or spitless, dissolvable, or inhaled tobacco products, including but not limited to dip, chew, snuff or snus, in any form (such as orbs, sticks, pellet, etc.).

Smoking or the use of other tobacco products (see above) is prohibited on all campus grounds (college owned, controlled, and/or leased); college owned or leased properties; and campus owned, leased, or rented vehicles. This includes but is not limited to all university streets and sidewalks, parking lots, landscaped areas, outdoor athletic facilities, and recreational areas; at lectures, conferences, meetings, and social and cultural events held on campus property or campus grounds. Smoking or the use of other tobacco products is also prohibited in the interior of all buildings, including campus residence halls.

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, contractors, vendors, and visitors during and after campus hours at all University of Wisconsin-River Falls sites.

## Authority

The UW-River Falls Chancellor issues this policy in accordance with the Administrative Policy process.

The Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration is responsible for the administration of this policy. There are only two considered exemptions to this policy. 1. The use of sacred and traditional tobacco as part of an Indigenous practice or a lawfully recognized religious, spiritual, or cultural ceremony or practice as use for prayer, ceremony, and memorial is allowed, promoted, and supported. The University of Wisconsin-River Falls gratefully acknowledges the Prairie Island Indian Community as the source of terminology and model for ensuring that the sacred use of tobacco is allowed, supported, and promoted in this policy. 2. The use of smoking or using tobacco for research purposes, in a controlled on-campus laboratory setting. You must request an exemption to this policy through the Director of Student Health and Counseling Services, who will consult with the Chancellor’s Advisory Council on Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs.

To direct questions about this policy, [mailto: administrative-policy@uwrf.edu](mailto:administrative-policy@uwrf.edu).

## **Sanctions and Appeals Process**

Enforcement of this policy will depend upon the cooperation of all faculty, staff, and students to not only comply with the policy, but also to encourage others to comply in order to promote a healthy and clean environment in which to work, learn, and live. The success of this policy will depend on the courtesy, respect, and cooperation of users and non-users of tobacco products.

**Violations will be handled like other work rule or policy violations.**

Failure to adhere to the provisions of this policy may result in appropriate disciplinary action as provided under existing procedures applicable to students, faculty, and staff, and/or civil or criminal prosecution.

## **University Responsibilities**

All University of Wisconsin-River Falls faculty, staff, and students are responsible for compliance and for advising visitors of the policy.

All administrators, deans, directors, department chairs, and supervisors are responsible for communicating the policy to everyone within their areas of responsibility.

Sufficient signage will be posted to inform members of the campus community and its visitors, including contractors and vendors, of the policy.

Cessation information for students, faculty, and staff is available in the Student Health and Counseling Services Office to those who would like to end their use of tobacco products.

The Student Health and Counseling Services Office in consult with the Chancellor's Advisory Council on Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs is responsible for determining policy applicability and will answer policy-related questions.

## **Department/Unit Responsibilities**

Building Managers

Departmental Supervisors