



The University of Montana - Helena
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY


Policy Number: 600.1

Policy Title: Tobacco Free Campus

Subject: (choose one) Section 600. Physical Plant

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POLICY STATEMENT:

The University of Montana – Helena College of Technology (UM-Helena) has a vital interest in maintaining a healthy and safe environment for its students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Consistent with these concerns and with Montana Code Annotated (MCA), Title 50 (Health and Safety); Chapter 40 (Smoking in Public Places); and Part 1 (Montana Clean Indoor Air Act), a tobacco free environment has been established to prohibit the use of tobacco products on all campus properties owned, operated, or leased by UM-Helena. This policy shall prohibit any financial connection to the tobacco industry or related corporate sponsorship.

This policy applies to all UM-Helena students, faculty, staff, and visitors. All UM-Helena college policies shall adhere to and be consistent with relevant federal and state laws, rules, and regulations; with Board of Regents' policies and procedures; and with The University of Montana's policies and procedures.

PROCEDURES:

Purpose:

UM-Helena Policy 600.1 has been developed to comply with Montana Code Annotated (MCA), Title 50 (Health and Safety); Chapter 40 (Smoking in Public Places); Part 1 (Montana Clean Indoor Air Act), the purpose of which is:

*“(1) to protect the public health and welfare by prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment;
(2) to recognize the right of nonsmokers to breathe smoke-free air; and
(3) to recognize that the need to breathe smoke-free air has priority over the desire to smoke” (MCA, Sections 50-40-101-102).*

The purpose of the policy is not only to protect others from secondhand smoke, but to also provide a space that will encourage each individual to make healthy choices.

Definitions

Tobacco Products

The policy prohibits the use of all tobacco products, including but not limited to, cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, chewing tobacco, pipes, snus, snuff and any other tobacco product.

Prohibited Areas

The prohibited areas are defined as:

- All buildings owned and/or maintained by UM-Helena
- All outdoor areas, owned and/or maintained by UM-Helena, including walkways and parking lots
- Private vehicles, parked on UM-Helena property

Financial Connections

Prohibited financial connections to the tobacco industry or related corporate sponsors include, but are not limited to:

- The sale of tobacco products on campus
- Distribution of tobacco industry promotions, advertising, and marketing.
- Sponsorship of campus groups, events, individuals, or departments.
- Investment in tobacco company stocks or holdings

- Any and all direct funding from tobacco companies or related corporate sponsors.

Sign Requirements

Signs showing UM-Helena as being a “Tobacco-Free Campus” will be clearly posted where applicable.

Enforcement

Enforcement of this policy will be a combined effort and responsibility of staff, faculty and students. Violation may be cause for disciplinary action in accordance with employee and student disciplinary policies as stated in union agreements and the Student Handbook respectively.

Implementation Date

This policy will become effective July 1, 2010
