



CAMPUS SMOKING POLICY

- I. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to establish a framework by which a smoke-free indoor environment exists in all campus non-residential buildings, and further provides for a non-smoking outdoor air environment except in designated outdoor smoking areas. This policy is further intended to meet PASSHE obligations contained in an order of the PLRB order issued on May 19, 2009; to satisfy University obligations relating to an August 2009 agreement between PASSHE and APSCUF, AFSCME and other unions; and to implement the provisions of the Pennsylvania Clean Indoor Air Act, Act 27 of 2008, which took effect on September 11, 2008. The overriding impetus for this policy is concern for the health of University students, staff, faculty, and the visiting public.
- II. **APPLICABILITY:** This policy is applicable to employees, contractors' employees, students, campus visitors and the general public. Responsibility for respecting the parameters of this policy, including the avoidance of litter in the form of improperly discarded smoking materials, rests in the obligation for responsible citizenship expected of all members of the West Chester University campus community.
- III. **DEFINITIONS:**
 - A. **Smoking:** The carrying by a person of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or other lighted smoking device. (PA Clean Indoor Air Act definition.)
- IV. **POLICY:** West Chester University is committed to a clean indoor and outdoor air environment on its campus due to concerns for public health associated with tobacco smoking.
 - A. **Indoor Areas:** Smoking is prohibited in all University non-residential buildings, including employee break rooms, common areas, indoor sporting venues, theaters, garages and mechanical spaces.
 - B. **Outdoor Areas:** Smoking is further prohibited in non-designated areas of campus outdoor areas, including outdoor sporting venues. Outdoor areas at or near main entranceways to University buildings or near building air handling intakes may not be designated as smoking areas.
 - C. **Vehicles:** Smoking is also prohibited in University-owned vehicles, including tractors and motorized carts.
 - D. **Designated Outdoor Smoking Areas:** Designated outside smoking areas will be within a convenient distance of their work assignments and will be clearly identified by signage. Covered outside smoking areas within a reasonable distance of work assignments or classroom locations will also be available and clearly identified.