

# Smoke-Free Campus Policy

Effective: July 1, 2008

Contact: [Environmental Health and Safety](#)

## Introduction

The Smokefree Air Act, effective July 1, 2008, applies to Iowa State University. The purpose of this legislation is “to reduce the level of exposure by the general public and employees to environmental tobacco smoke” and is designed to “regulate smoking in public places, places of employment, and outdoor areas” and “to improve the public health of Iowans.”

Included in this policy statement are the applicable sections of the Smokefree Air Act, Iowa Code Chapter 142D, and the rules and regulations of the Iowa Department of Public Health found at Iowa Administrative Code Section 641, Chapter 153, that relate to the campus community.

## Scope

This policy applies to all university employees, students and visitors. This policy covers all university owned, leased or operated buildings, property and grounds under the control of the university.

## Definitions

For the purpose of the Smokefree Air Act,

- The **university** is a “school” and “public educational facility” governed by the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code section 262.7.
- The **grounds of the university** include “parking lots, athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, and any other outdoor area under the control of” the university, including “inside any vehicle located on such [university] grounds.”
- **Smoking material** includes “lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other tobacco product in any manner or form including ash, cigarette butts or filters, or cigar stubs.”

## Policy Statement

It is the policy of Iowa State University to comply with the Smokefree Air Act by declaring the entire university grounds and properties as a Smoke-Free Campus. Therefore, smoking is prohibited in “public buildings and vehicles owned, leased, or operated by or under the control of” the university as well as on the entire “grounds of the university.”

Smoking is prohibited and a person shall not smoke in any of the following enclosed areas:

1. Enclosed areas within places of employment including but not limited to work areas, private offices, conference and meeting rooms, classrooms, auditoriums, employee lounges and cafeterias, hallways, medical facilities, restrooms, elevators, stairs and stairwells.
2. Vehicles owned, leased or provided by the university.
3. Privately owned vehicles when operated or parked on the grounds of the university.

Smoking is prohibited and a person shall not smoke in or on any of the following outdoor areas:

1. The entire grounds of the university.
2. The seating and parking areas of outdoor sports arenas, stadiums, amphitheaters and other entertainment venues where members of the general public assemble to witness entertainment events.
3. The ISU Farms.
4. Veenker Golf Course.

When a university employee, student, or visitor enters the grounds of the university any smoking material shall be extinguished and disposed of in an appropriate receptacle at the perimeter of the grounds of the university.

The sale, sampling or advertisement of all tobacco products is prohibited on university property or at university sponsored events in accordance with university Trademark Management policy.

## Exceptions

1. Smoking will be allowed in designated private apartments in university housing in accordance with Department of Residence policy.
2. Smoking will be allowed in an enclosed area within the university that conducts a medical or scientific research or therapy program, if smoking is an integral part of the program.

## Responsibilities and Enforcement

All members of the ISU community are responsible for observing the provisions of this policy and share responsibility for compliance.

The Smokefree Air Act designates the Iowa Department of Public Health as responsible for enforcement. ISU Department of Environmental Health and Safety will coordinate compliance with the law on campus.

Facilities Planning and Management is responsible for removal and placement of smoking receptacles in compliance with the law.

The Iowa Department of Public Health designates law enforcement authorities of the state and of each political subdivision of the state to assist with the enforcement of this law. ISU Department of Public Safety officers may issue citations against a person who smokes in an area where smoking is prohibited on the grounds of the university.

## Complaints

Concerns or complaints regarding this policy that involve ISU property should be directed to the ISU Department of Environmental Health and Safety by calling 294-5359 or by visiting their website, [www.ehs.iastate.edu](http://www.ehs.iastate.edu).

Any person may also register a complaint with the Iowa Department of Public Health by:

- Calling the toll-free number, 1-888- 944-2247, or
- Registering a complaint on the department's website, [www.iowaSmokefreeAir.gov](http://www.iowaSmokefreeAir.gov), or
- Downloading a complaint form from the department's website and mailing it to the department at:  
Department of Public Health  
Division of Tobacco Use Prevention and Control  
Lucas State Office Building  
321 East 12th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319.

## Resources

Environmental Health and Safety (<http://www.ehs.iastate.edu/>)  
Iowa Code, Chapter 142D  
Iowa Administrative Code, Section 641, Chapter 153  
Iowa Department of Public Health (<http://www.idph.state.ia.us/>)  
Smokefree Air Act website (<http://www.iowasmokefreeair.gov/>)  
Smoking Cessation: <http://www.hrs.iastate.edu/benefits/homepage.shtml>  
Quit Line Iowa: <http://www.quitlineiowa.org/default.asp>  
Trademark Management Policy