

Tobacco Policy

Purpose

The University of Mary is a Benedictine community that prepares leaders in the health care professions. Consistent with recommendations for good health and the Benedictine value of moderation, it is the official policy of the university to discourage the use of all tobacco products. The following policy exists to regulate the use of tobacco products at the university.

Statement of the Policy

All buildings, residence halls and indoor facilities located on- or off-campus which are owned or controlled by the University of Mary, are designated as smoke free facilities. Excepted from this policy are those single-family homes that exist as free-standing structures that are leased, rented or otherwise occupied as private residences.

Smoking activity of any kind is prohibited inside all university owned buildings or structures, near entrances and windows of all structures and at university sponsored events held indoors. Smoking legal tobacco products (by persons 18 and over) is discouraged but permitted in designated outdoor areas. Those who smoke tobacco products in these areas are responsible to make sure fumes do not enter any building or structure, or interfere with persons in attendance at an event, those who need to enter or exit a building, or those using the sidewalks and walkways. Persons who smoke on University of Mary property assume the responsibility to fully extinguish smoking materials and properly dispose of all waste.

The use of smokeless tobacco is prohibited in all classrooms, in all venues where food is served, and in all public spaces at the university. It is permitted outdoors in designated tobacco/smoking areas and it may be used in a student's residence hall room (unless he/she has been assigned to a substance free room). Persons who use smokeless tobacco products are responsible to properly dispose of all waste.

Students, faculty and staff who violate the University of Mary tobacco policy are subject to disciplinary action.

Approved

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