

Tobacco Free Campus Policy

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A. BACKGROUND

Tobacco use, and the addictive nature of nicotine, is a major concern of American society today. Problems related to tobacco include damaged health, chronic health issues, and undermined emotional and spiritual well-being. Additionally, tobacco use, specifically smoking and secondhand smoke, can impact others and their quality of life. The Missouri Baptist University community is especially cognizant of the fact that tobacco use is contrary to our understanding of one's body as "the Temple of God."

B. POLICY

The use of tobacco in any form is not permitted in any of the University property, buildings, or vehicles. Missouri Baptist University is a non-smoking campus. This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, contractors, vendors, and other visitors to all university property. Prohibited tobacco products including, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, hookahs, all smokeless tobacco and e-cigarettes.

C. GUIDELINES

Enforcement

1. All faculty, staff, and students have collective responsibility to promote the safety and health of the campus community and, therefore, share in the responsibility of enforcement. The Offices of Public Safety and Resident Life are authorized to issue citations for violations of the policy.
2. The Office of Resident Life will enforce the policy within the residential community of buildings and proximate exteriors. Students found in violation of the policy will be submitted to the University accountability process.
3. The Office of Public Safety will also enforce and implement the policy throughout the campus community and will support the actions of the Office of Resident Life.
4. Faculty, staff, contractors, vendors and other visitors in violation of the policy will be reminded in a professional and courteous manner of the University policy.
5. While it is the desire of Missouri Baptist University personnel to be as redemptive as possible in such situations, violations of this policy pertaining to the possession or consumption by faculty, staff, or students will be subject to the respective disciplinary and judicial processes and/or options outlined in the respective handbook governing the individual.