

ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

Smoking Policy

Preamble

Elizabeth City State University is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all University staff (*i.e.* SPA, EPA non-teaching), faculty, students and visitors. This policy is designed to eliminate the involuntary exposure of tobacco smoke, which could increase the risk of cancer, heart disease; and worsens symptoms of those already suffering from asthma, allergies and bronchitis. The contents of this policy are governed by NCGS 143-596 to 143-599.

1. Smoking Prohibited

Smoking shall be prohibited in all university buildings, vehicles and university controlled areas within 100 linear feet of any university building.

2. Designated Smoking Area

Smoking shall only be permitted on ECSU grounds that are 100 linear feet from the buildings, provided the potential for fire does not exist.

3. Signage

The Department of Facilities and Office of Residence Life shall be responsible for the installation and/or display of signs indicating designated smoking and non-smoking areas of the campus.

4. Enforcement

- A. All staff, faculty, students and visitors are responsible for adhering to and enforcing this policy. Smoking in violation of this policy is considered unacceptable personal conduct and shall be subject to disciplinary action. Any staff violation should be brought to the attention of the immediate supervisor. Students violations should reported to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or the Dean of Students & Judicial Affairs. Visitor violations should be reported to University Police. In all cases, the rights of a nonsmoker, to protect one's health, takes precedence over another individual's desire to smoke.
- B. Any person who continues to smoke in a nonsmoking area following notice by the person in charge of the State-controlled building or area or their designee that smoking is not permitted shall be guilty of an infraction and punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).