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Residence Hall Smoking Policy

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## Summary

The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York (University) has prohibited smoking in all residence halls and apartment buildings owned or operated by the University, and in vehicles owned or leased by the University or the State of New York. Campuses are directed to designate preferred smoking locations and/or establish an appropriate minimum distance from residence halls and apartment buildings, particularly, entrances to such buildings, within which smoking is prohibited, to avoid the exposure of building residents to second hand smoke.

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## Policy

- A. Smoking is prohibited in all residence halls and apartment buildings owned or operated by the State University of New York (University).
- B. The remainder of the campus is subject to the Clean Indoor Air Act, which prohibits smoking in public facilities, and to local campus rules.
- C. Smoking is prohibited within vehicles owned or leased by the University or the State of New York.
- D. Campus presidents are directed to:
  1. review current policies regarding smoking outside of residential buildings, giving consideration to the safety of students and employees who may go outside to smoke;
  2. work with various constituencies, including students, to designate preferred smoking locations and/or establish minimum distances from residential buildings beyond which smoking is allowed to limit the exposure of second hand smoke for those entering and exiting residence halls, as well as to prevent the possibility of smoke being drawn into air intakes or open windows; and
  3. review current educational efforts with regard to smoking and enhance smoking cessation programs, as

appropriate.

E. The president of each University campus may seek to develop a smoking policy that is more restrictive than this policy, subject to collective bargaining agreements to the extent applicable.

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## Definitions

**Smoking** - the burning of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco.

**Secondhand smoke** - a mixture of the smoke given off by the burning end of a cigarette, pipe or cigar, and the smoke exhaled from the lungs of smokers.

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## Other Related Information

[Passenger Vans](#)

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## Procedures

There are no procedures relevant to this policy.

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## Forms

There are no forms relevant to this policy.

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## Authority

[Public Health Law Article 13-E](#)

State University of New York Board of Trustees Resolution 2007-21, adopted January 11, 2007.

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## History

Amended - 2003

- Reflects the State's commitment to ensuring that all workers are protected from secondhand smoke.

Enacted - 1989

- The Clean Indoor Air Act prohibits smoking in indoor public areas.
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## Appendices

There are no appendices relevant to this policy.

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