

TOBACCO-FREE POLICY **(Effective July 1, 2021)**

All McKendree University owned, leased, or occupied facilities or property are tobacco-free. This policy applies to all, including students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors.

McKendree University is committed to providing a healthy, comfortable, productive work and learning environment. The American College Health Association supports the findings of the Surgeon General that tobacco use in any form, including smoking and breathing secondhand smoke, is a significant health hazard and that there is no risk-free level of exposure to smoke. McKendree University strictly prohibits all smoking and other uses of tobacco products within all University buildings and on University property, at all times.

For the purposes of this policy, tobacco is defined to include, but not limited to, any lit cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product; including e-cigarettes and smokeless or spit tobacco, also known as dip, chew, snuff, or snus in any form, and all nicotine delivery devices that are not FDA-approved as cessation products (110ILCS 64/Smoke-Free Campus Act).

Smoke or Smoking is defined as “the carrying, smoking, burning, inhaling, or exhaling of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, hookah, weed, herbs, or other lighted smoking equipment.” Smoke or Smoking also includes products containing or delivering nicotine intended or expected for human consumption (110ILCS 64/Smoke-Free Campus Act).

If individuals within the University community smoke or use tobacco products off University properties, they are expected to be respectful of residents and businesses neighboring the University campus and properties. They should not loiter in front of homes and businesses near the University campus or properties, and must discard tobacco products in appropriate receptacles.

The University provides cessation resources to all students through the University’s Health Services. The success of this policy depends upon the cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers. All students, faculty and staff share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action.