

SMOKING AND TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Lock Haven University recognizes that smoking and tobacco present a health and safety hazard which can have serious consequences for the University Community and the safety of Lock Haven University property.

DEFINITION

For the purposes of this policy, "smoking and tobacco" shall mean all uses of tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, pipes, and smokeless tobacco.

POLICY

It is the policy of Lock Haven University to recognize the preferences of both non-users and users of tobacco as they affect the use of University buildings and facilities. When these preferences conflict, faculty, staff, and students will endeavor to find a satisfactory compromise.

Tobacco-Prohibited Areas:

- **All academic and residence halls are totally smoke-free buildings.**
- University vehicles used to travel excluding vehicles permanently assigned to the Maintenance Department;
 - common gathering areas include but are not limited to: classrooms, dining rooms, locker rooms, gymnasiums, auditoriums, residence hall lounges, reception areas, all athletic spectator seating, and the PUB Snack Bar; and
 - any area in which a fire or safety hazard exists.

Other Areas:

Private offices and residence hall rooms may be designated "Smoking Permitted" or "No Smoking" by the occupants except in smoke-free buildings. The occupant should, however, refrain from smoking in his or her office when a non-smoking employee or visitor is present.

In areas where smokers and non-smokers work together, employees and management should make a reasonable effort to separate smokers from non-smokers. In doing so, they should take into consideration air flow, ventilation, existing physical barriers that might be of help, and the individual sensitivities of all.

COMPLIANCE

The success of this policy will depend upon the thoughtfulness, consideration and good will of all members of the Lock Haven University Community.

In the event of a conflict, faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to work out a compromise among themselves. If this effort proves unsuccessful, the individual case will be handled by the immediate supervisor.

Copies of this policy will be distributed to all faculty, staff, and students. Signs will be posted and ashtrays removed in all areas where smoking is prohibited.