

North Dakota State University

Policy Manual

SECTION 153 SMOKE-FREE FACILITIES

SOURCE: SBHE Policy Manual, Section 917
North Dakota Century Code 50-11.1-02.2
and 23-12-10 NDSU President

Definitions:

For the purpose of this policy, "smoking" is defined as inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, in any manner or in any form. Smoking also includes the use of an e-cigarette which creates a vapor, in any manner or any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this Policy.

Policy:

1. Smoking is prohibited on the North Dakota State University grounds and in University buildings, residence halls, apartments and enclosed structures.
2. Smoking is not permitted in a child care facility or near children enrolled in the facility. (ND Century Code 50-11.1-02.2)
3. Outdoor smoking is permitted at the N.D. Research and Extension Centers (excluding the Main Experiment Station), but only in those outdoor areas at least 50 feet from buildings.
4. Entities exempt from Policy 153, Section 1, include private companies in the NDSU Research and Technology Park, facilities owned on land leased to and controlled by other governmental or private entities, Northern Crop Institute, and Newman Outdoor Field.
5. Smoking is prohibited in state-owned or leased vehicles and motorized equipment.
6. The smoke-free facilities prohibition does not apply to specific activities used in connection with the safe practice of traditional spiritual, religious or cultural ceremonies (See https://www.ndsu.edu/multicultural/student_support/ for information on cultural ceremonies such as smudging, etc.).

6.1 When engaging in a spiritual, religious or cultural ceremony using smoke in any campus location, the following precautions should be taken:

Identification of the location of the nearest fire pull station and fire extinguisher;

Communication with appropriate students and NDSU personnel (room/suitemates and building directors) to share time and location of ceremony. Please contact NDSU personnel in person or by phone;

Contain embers and ashes in abalone shells, ceramic bowls, or similar items; and

Extinguish embers/ashes appropriately to eliminate risk of fire.

7. Faculty, staff, students and visitors to NDSU are covered by this policy.

(Dangers of smoking can be found at the [American Cancer Society](#) website, and smoking cessation resources are listed in the [NDDH Directory of North Dakota Tobacco Cessation Programs](#).)

[Smoke Free Campus Website](#)

HISTORY:

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