

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

- A. Smoking shall be prohibited in all university buildings, vehicles and university controlled areas within 100 linear feet of any university building. With the exception of university residence halls; and leased or lessor residential facilities for ECSU student population.

2. Designated Smoking Area

- A. Smoking shall only be permitted on ECSU grounds that are 100 linear feet from the buildings, provided the potential for fire does not exist. With the exception of university residence halls; and leased or lessor residential facilities for ECSU student population.

3. Residence Halls

ECSU shall make a reasonable effort to provide residential smoking rooms in residence halls in proportion to student demand for those rooms.

4. Signage

The Office of Safety and Health shall be responsible for the installation of signs indicating designated smoking and non-smoking areas of the campus.

5. Enforcement

- A. All staff, faculty, students 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 violation should be brought to the attention of the immediate supervisor. (*Students should report violations to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs/ Dean of Students.*) In all cases, the rights of a non-smoker, 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).