

# DRAFT Smoking Policy

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## Potential policy change:

### UW-Eau Claire Smoking Policy

To protect the health of our campus community, we have adopted the following smoking policy. This smoking policy applies to the use of the following products:

- Cigarettes
- E-cigarettes (a.k.a. vape pens, JUUL, and any other electronic nicotine delivery system)
- Hookah
- Cigars and cigarillos
- Tobacco pipes
- Any other smoked product

Religious practices involving the use of tobacco are exempt from the policy and must be in alignment with Wisconsin State Statute 101.23 (<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/101/1/123>).

Smoking is prohibited in:

- a. Campus buildings
- b. University-owned vehicles
- c. Personal vehicles on university property
- d. Outdoor campus spaces except the following designated smoking areas:

- ~~i. City-owned streets~~
- ~~ii.~~ i. The loading docks at: ~~\*~~Brewer/Zorn Arena, ~~\*\*~~Davies Center, Hilltop, Haas Fine Arts (west loading dock), Human Sciences & Services, ~~\*\*\*~~Maintenance/ Central Stores, ~~\*\*\*~~McIntyre Library, McPhee, and Phillips Hall.
- ~~iii-ii.~~ ii. Hibbard Hall: West end of small parking lot on the north side of the building.
- ~~iv-iii.~~ iii. Chancellors Hall: West side near dumpsters.
- ~~v.~~ iv. ~~Sutherland Hall: North side at fire pit.~~
- ~~vi-iv.~~ v. The shelters east of Towers Hall [this one will be relocated slightly after construction is complete], north of Horan Hall, and south of Sutherland Hall, and ~~south of Putnam Hall.~~

Designated smoking areas will be marked with signs. Ash receptacles shall be located only where smoking is permitted.

The Chancellor or designee may:

- a. Designate additional permanent smoking areas
- b. Designate temporary smoking areas
- c. Eliminate existing smoking areas

This policy will be reviewed every 5 years by the Physical Plant Planning Committee.

**Commented [WKE1]:** Smoking products are defined for clarity.

**Commented [WKE2]:** Added to be inclusive of religious use of tobacco. Would need to consult further with legal counsel regarding whether this belongs in policy or should be assumed as part of religious exemptions as a whole.

**Commented [WKE3]:** Additions to the previous policy to clarify use in vehicles. These are commonly found in other smoking/tobacco policies on college campuses.

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**Commented [WKE4]:** Deleted due to safety issues of telling people it is allowable to smoke in the street.

**Commented [WKE5]:** The Brewer/Zorn smoking space is not located in the loading dock. Rather, it is located next to one of the double doors on the south side of the building.

**Commented [WKE6]:** The Davies smoking area is not located in the loading dock. Rather, it is in a fenced-in space adjacent to the loading dock. It is accessible through a door from the loading dock. Recycling and trash receptacles are located in the current smoking area. There is an air intake above and to the left of the smoking area; people have reported problems with smoking entering the building through the intake, and for the reason, people have been asked to use the loading dock as the smoking area.

**Commented [WKE7]:** Loading dock at Facilities not in compliance with State Statute per having more than 2 walls and a roof.

**Commented [WKE8]:** The McIntyre smoking space is adjacent to disability parking spaces. It was identified as an area that should be changed last winter but was never relocated.

**Commented [WKE9]:** The removal of this areas is at the request of Housing and Residence Life administration.

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**Commented [WKE11]:** This will provide a formal mechanism for reviewing the policy and recommending changes as the tobacco industry, products, and health concerns evolve.

If you have concerns about smoking in or around your building, please contact your Building Coordinator. You may find a list of Building Coordinators at <https://www.uwec.edu/Facmgt/upload/Building-Coordiators.pdf>

Cessation services are available for students at Student Health Service. Call 715-836-5112 for more information. These services are non-judgmental and often come with free quitting supplies such as nicotine patches/gum.

Cessation services are available for employees through their health insurance at no cost per the Affordable Care Act. For questions about coverage, call your health insurance carrier and ask what they cover for coaching and quitting medications (e.g. patches, gum, prescribed medications). Your Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is also a resource for quitting smoking. Contact the ASK Center (715-836-3131) for contact information for our current EAP. If you are not employed by the university, contact your employer and ask them for more information.

**Commented [WKE12]:** This is a new section designed to provide people with information on who to contact if secondhand smoke is interfering with their school or work, and to provide them with resources on quitting, for both students and employees.