

UMD Smoke-Free

Frequently asked questions

What is the UMD's Smoke-Free Policy?

The Smoke-Free policy prohibits tobacco and smoking-related products on institution property (owned, leased or controlled), except as designated by the President.

Where can I find the policy?

Policy VI-8.10(A) is available on smokefree.umd.edu or on the policy website at <http://www.president.umd.edu/policies>.

Who does the policy affect?

The policy affects all UMD faculty, staff, students, contractors, and visitors.

How was this policy developed? Was the campus involved?

On June 22, 2012, the USM Board of Regents approved VI-8.10 "Policy on Smoking at USM Institutions" and required that each constituent institution develop implementation procedures by June 30, 2013.

On this campus, the University Senate was charged with developing UMD's policy and implementation procedure. The Senate's Campus Affairs Committee began their work by surveying students, faculty, and staff, and they received over 2,900 responses. The survey covered topics such as smoking habits, awareness of the new Smoke-Free policy, and views toward having designated smoking areas. The CAC also studied best practices at peer institutions regarding prevention and education, as well as enforcement practices. Following the CAC's research and analysis, a draft policy was developed that was ultimately endorsed by the full University Senate, and approved by President Loh on May 2, 2013.

How is the policy being communicated?

The formal communications strategy began with the President's message to the University community on July 1, 2013. At that same time, the message was communicated on the University's homepage, smokefree.umd.edu became available, and appropriate signage began to be sited strategically on the campus. There will be additional communications throughout the summer and as students arrive back in the fall.

Are there any areas I can smoke on campus as I work toward quitting?

There are four locations on the campus that have been designated by the President for this purpose. They are:

- 1. South of Ellicott Hall, between Byrd Stadium and the lacrosse practice field*
- 2. South side of McKeldin Library, facing Somerset Hall*
- 3. North of the Riggs Alumni Center, near the entrance to the parking garage on Stadium Drive*
- 4. South side of Comcast Center, to the left of the main staircase*

In addition, there is no prohibition from smoking in personal vehicles.

What should I do if I see someone smoking on the campus?

Faculty, staff, and students who observe someone smoking outside of the designated areas should respectfully inform the person that the institution became Smoke-Free on June 30, 2013. Suggest they visit smokefree.umd.edu for more information.

What happens if I violate the policy?

The initial emphasis of the policy's implementation is to broaden awareness within the community and help make connections to smoking cessation programs and other informational resources. However, all members of the UMD community should comply with this policy as they are expected to comply with other University governance policies.