

TOBACCO-FREE AND SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS | SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

FACT SHEET

SUMMARY: Syracuse University will become a tobacco-free and smoke-free campus as of July 1, 2015. The tobacco-free and smoke-free policy prohibits the use of any tobacco product or any products that simulate tobacco smoking on properties owned or leased by Syracuse University located in the United States. The primary goal of this policy is to protect the overall health and well-being of the Syracuse University community.

EXCEPTIONS: The Carrier Dome, Sheraton, Drumlins, and Syracuse Stage will remain smoke-free inside; outside spaces will be exempt from this policy from July 2015 through July 2017. The phased exemption for the Carrier Dome will extend to event attendees in parking lots and in transit to and from the Dome.

Prohibited tobacco-related items

- Blunts
- Chewing tobacco
- Cigarettes
- Cigars
- Dipping tobacco
- E-cigarettes
- Hookah
- Queen's tobacco-pipe
- Loose leaf
- Shag (tobacco)
- Smokeless tobacco
- Snuff
- Snus
- Vapers

HISTORY

- Groups of students, staff, faculty, and alumni have gathered around support of a tobacco-free initiative for more than 10 years.
- Survey results from 2010 show that 58 percent of students and 71 percent of faculty and staff supported policies to limit tobacco use on Syracuse University's campus.
- Over the past two years, working groups on campus have researched best practices from other universities, drafted a policy, and met with campus stakeholders.

STATISTICS

- 16 percent of Onondaga County adults smoke, compared to 16 percent of adults in New York and 17 percent in the United States.
- High school students who have used an e-cigarette are six times more likely to smoke cigarettes.

BENEFITS

- Eliminating waste produced by tobacco product use.
- Eliminating the risks of secondhand smoke inhalation.
- Removing smokeless tobacco and e-cigarettes from campus will reduce tobacco use initiation among students.
- Syracuse University will increase support and resources for smoking cessation.

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