University of Missouri – Kansas City
Policy: Smoking on University Property

This policy replaces all previous smoking policies on the University of Missouri-Kansas City campuses, effective October 1, 2006. The University reaffirms its commitment to provide a safe and healthy physical environment for its students, faculty, staff, patients, and general public who occupy university buildings or visit the University's campuses. This policy is also intended to assure reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities in accordance with appropriate federal and state laws.

When an individual with a disability brings a concern to the attention of the Affirmative Action Office, reasonable and appropriate accommodations will be considered in the context of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and all applicable laws. These considerations may supersede the general smoking policy.

General Policy

1. Smoking (the use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes or other devices to generate smoke from tobacco or other products) is prohibited in all university vehicles and buildings (except private housing).

2. Smoking will be permitted only in designated areas outside university facilities.

3. More restrictive prohibition against smoking on university premises applies to the Hospital Hill campus where the entire campus is a smoke-free area. No smoking is permitted anywhere on the property, including areas surrounding buildings, parking lots and driveways immediately adjacent to buildings. However, employees and students are permitted to smoke in restricted locations designated by the deans and/or building coordinators for the Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Nursing.

4. The University's policies regarding smoking on institutional property will be appropriately posted and information distributed to all employees and students on a recurring basis.

5. Compliance with UMKC Smoking Policy is the responsibility of each employee and student. Each unit supervisor is responsible for enforcement of the policy within his/her facility or unit. Reasonable efforts to enforce this policy must be made by each unit supervisor.

6. Information on smoking cessation and/or smoking cessation programming is available to all university students and employees through UMKC Student Health and the Counseling Center (816-235-6133).

The Director of Environmental Health and Safety is delegated the overall responsibility and authority for implementation and administration of this policy and is accountable for policy compliance and quality assurance.