

As of August 2019 we are a 100% Smoke & Tobacco-Free Campus

As of August, 2019, our campus has launched a 100 percent Smoke and Tobacco-Free Campus. Read on to learn what this means for you:

Why are we 100 percent Smoke and Tobacco-Free? Here are some of the benefits of a 100-percent smoke and tobacco free campus:

- Protect people from unwanted and involuntary exposure to tobacco and passive smoke.
- Create a supportive environment for those who are trying to reduce or quit tobacco use.
- Create a cleaner living, learning, and working environment.
- Protect the environment from tobacco and vape-related litter.

What exactly is the policy? To read the entire policy go to <https://cam.illinois.edu/policies/fo-64/>
Here are the basic policy points:

- All tobacco use, including smoking, non-combustible tobacco use, and vape is prohibited.
- None of these items may be used on campus property. This includes all inside and outside areas.
- All tobacco use, including smoking, non-combustible tobacco use and vaping is prohibited in both university vehicles and in private vehicles parked on campus property.
- There are no designated smoking, tobacco use /vaping areas.
- The policy applies to everyone: students, faculty, staff and visitors.
- The policy applies 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Why is vaping banned? It seems harmless to me.

Vaping / e-cigarette use on campus has been banned since 2014. Vaping is a potent nicotine delivery system. Many people mistakenly believe that the aerosol in e-cigarettes is just water vapor. Research has shown that vape contains similar elements to tobacco smoke, including several toxic and carcinogenic compounds. In addition, nicotine can impede brain development, which continues until age 25. For more information visit the smoke and tobacco-free campus website, <https://tobaccofree.illinois.edu/> or read our vaping fact sheet.

Question: Isn't smoking, tobacco-use and vaping a personal right? Smoking, tobacco use and vaping are legal. The university owns campus property, however, and can establish policies that protect the health of all campus members. Our policy does not prohibit personal behavior and choices; it merely establishes where use can occur. Our policy supports the right of all people on the campus to breathe smoke-free air. We hope that tobacco and vape users will respect our policy out of concern for their fellow campus community members.

How do I learn more? Visit our website at <https://tobaccofree.illinois.edu/>

No smoking

No tobacco

No vape