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## **Ball State University Tobacco-Free Policy**

Ball State University is committed to providing a healthy working and learning environment for the entire campus community. The purpose of this policy is to reduce harm from tobacco use and secondhand smoke, provide an environment that encourages persons to be tobacco-free, reduce health insurance and health care costs and promote a campus culture of wellness. Therefore, Ball State University establishes the following smoking policy for all facilities, campus areas and vehicles in which university functions or services are carried out or offered. All university students, employees, contractors, and visitors are subject to these regulations.

1. As used herein, tobacco includes but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes (includes vaping devices), smokeless tobacco, snuff, snus, chewing tobacco and any non-FDA approved nicotine delivery device.
2. Tobacco use is prohibited on Ball State University campus.
3. Tobacco use is prohibited in all university vehicles, including maintenance vehicles, automobiles, and public carriers.
4. Tobacco use is prohibited in all university housing units.
5. Tobacco use will be permitted in the tailgating areas on home football game days only; otherwise the area is to be tobacco free.
6. University regulated parking areas are included in the ban. Tobacco use in enclosed personal vehicles will be permitted as long as users contain smoke and tobacco products inside the vehicle (e.g. windows must be closed). Failure to do so is a violation of this policy.
7. Adherence to this policy is the responsibility of all members of the University community. It is expected that students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors and visitors to campus will comply with this policy. Members of the University community are empowered to respectfully inform others about the policy to ensure compliance. Primary enforcement of this smoking policy will be the responsibility of those persons who head individual units, departments, buildings, student housing units, those who supervise personnel, Public Safety personnel, and other designees.



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- A. Failure to comply with this policy shall result in a fine of \$100 per occurrence.
- B. Student Financial Services will be responsible for fine collection and account maintenance. Monies collected from fine assessments will be used to fund smoking cessation initiatives, health education, and other relevant health and wellness related programs.
- C. Citations may be appealed through the Public Safety Traffic Appeals Committee. All appeals will be handled in a manner consistent with traffic appeal procedures.
- D. Failure of a student or employee to pay a fine shall be subject to existing policies and procedures for collecting delinquent accounts owed the university.

8. This smoking policy shall be effective August 1, 2013.

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