

Background information for consideration of campus smoking policy

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[Making Your Workplace Smokefree: A Decision Maker's Guide](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/secondhand_smoke/00_pdfs/fullguide.pdf) (includes consideration of other smoking policy options) http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/secondhand_smoke/00_pdfs/fullguide.pdf

A study of the effectiveness of a smoke-free campus policy:

<http://www.consumerinterests.org/files/public/73.ChoDevaney.pdf>

Forming an advisory committee to develop and implement a smoke-free workplace www.preventionminnesota.com/objects/Resources_for_Employers/TWF2/04TFW6&7_Advisory%20committee.doc

Why Be Tobacco-free? American Lung Association in Oregon

http://www.lungoregon.org/tobacco/college_why_tobacco_free.html The American Association of Community Colleges Policy Statement on Health and Wellness states: "Community colleges recognize the importance of health in learning, retention, productivity, and well-being of students, faculty, and staff alike... [and] should create an environment that supports health."

Outdoor Tobacco Smoke Study - This study is the first published in-depth investigation of air pollution levels arising from outdoor smoking activity. ("Real-Time Measurement of Outdoor Tobacco Smoke Particles", published in the May 2007 issue of the [Journal of the Air and Waste Management Association](http://www.aawm.org/)). The main finding is that levels of outdoor air pollution exposure can be substantial near an active smoker.

[The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General \(2006\)](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/secondhand_smoke/00_pdfs/fullguide.pdf)

Colleges & Universities with 100% Tobacco-free Campus Policies (updated October, 2008)

http://www.lungoregon.org/tobacco/pdf_word_doc/Tobacco-Free_Colleges_and_Universities_100.pdf

Secrets of Success in Implementing Tobacco-Free Campus Policy

Source: http://www.otc.edu/about/documents/Ty_Patterson_presentation.pdf

1. Know why you are adopting a Tobacco-Free or Smoke-Free policy.
2. Take time to educate employees and staff.
3. Promulgate the policy from top-down.
4. Create a campus-wide conversation.
5. Take enforcement out of play by emphasizing the importance of compliance with policy.

6. Connect the policy with institutional efforts to create a culture of mutual respect, wellness, sustainability, greening etc.

7. Do not treat smokers or tobacco users as the enemy. Do not vilify the opponents.

8. Always listen to those who disagree.

9. Create a Community Advisory Committee.

10. Process is everything in policy change!