

Lander University Tobacco-Free Campus Policy

Lander University is dedicated to providing a healthful, comfortable, and productive work and study environment for all faculty, staff and students.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) is responsible for an estimated 53,000 deaths per year in nonsmokers. In addition, the 1986 US Surgeon General's Report entitled, *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Smoking*, concluded the following: **Involuntary smoking is a cause of disease, including lung cancer, in healthy nonsmokers. The simple separation of smokers and nonsmokers within the same airspace may reduce, but does not eliminate, the exposure of the nonsmoker to ETS.**

In light of these findings, and as a part of a global wellness initiative that our university community is committed to, Lander University shall become entirely tobacco-free effective **August 1, 2007**.

- 1. Tobacco use will be prohibited on all university grounds, both outdoors and indoors and within business-owned or leased vehicles. This includes all offices, hallways, waiting rooms, restrooms, meeting rooms, community areas, and all other grounds and properties of Lander University. This policy is in effect 24 hours a day, seven days per week.**
- 2. The sale of tobacco products is prohibited on Lander University campus, as is the delivery of any tobacco product by means of a delivery service of any kind.**
- 3. The free distribution of any tobacco product on Lander University campus, including all clubs and organizations, is prohibited.**
- 4. Lander University campus organizations are prohibited from accepting money or gifts from tobacco companies, or distributing free, reduced-price, or fully priced tobacco products (T-shirts, hats, etc.)**
- 5. All tobacco advertising in public spaces on Lander University campus is strictly prohibited.**
- 6. Tobacco advertisements are prohibited in all university-run publications.**
- 7. All advertisements for employment and recruitment of students will denote that "Lander University is a tobacco-free campus."**
- 8. Copies of this policy will be distributed to all faculty, staff and students.**
- 9. "Tobacco-Free" signs will be posted throughout the campus.**

10. Lander University Student Wellness Center will provide tobacco cessation programs and offer resources for any student or employee who is interested in discontinuing tobacco use.

The success of this policy depends upon the thoughtfulness, respect, and cooperation of everyone in assuring compliance with the policy. Smoking cessation programs and resources will be available in the Lander University Student Wellness Center. By complying with this policy, we will have a healthier university community and a cleaner campus.

All Lander University constituents need to be active in helping create a healthy campus by encouraging compliance from any individual who violates the policy.

- The President, Vice-Presidents, Department Chairs, and Supervisors will communicate this policy to all staff and faculty members of their department or area of responsibility. Violations of policy by faculty or staff will be the responsibility of that individual's supervisor. Continued policy violations may be handled through the Office of Human Resources.
- The Office of Residential Life will inform all residential students of the policy in writing and will implement fines for violations inside and immediately outside of residence halls.
- The Office of Student Affairs will be responsible for student violations in all other indoor campus areas and grounds of Lander University.
- Complaints or disputes should be brought to the attention of the University employee who has immediate responsibility for the workspace, event, or residence, or to his/her supervisor. If satisfactory resolution is not reached, the President of the University should be consulted.