

## 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 on 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, Lander University became entirely tobacco-free effective August 1, 2007. The following initiatives/procedures have been implemented to promote education and compliance.

1. Tobacco use is prohibited on all university grounds, both outdoors and indoors and within university owned or leased properties and vehicles. This includes all offices, hallways, waiting rooms, restrooms, meeting rooms, community areas, parking lots 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. Advertisements for employment and recruitment of students will denote that "Lander University is a tobacco-free campus.
8. Information about this policy will be included in the Student Handbook annually.
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 who is interested in discontinuing tobacco use.
11. Legally, persons under 18 cannot possess tobacco or vaping products. Further, persons cannot purchase or attempt to purchase such products until age 21. At their discretion, the Lander University Police Department has the authority to file criminal charges, when appropriate.
12. To create a healthy campus, all Lander University constituents should encourage compliance of this policy. Student-related violations should be reported on the [Community Standards/Student Conduct Reporting Form](#) within twenty-four hours following the observed violation. Violations will be enforced through issued citations by Lander University Police Department and/or through the procedures as defined within the Student Code of Conduct. Applied Code of Conduct sanctions will typically include the following:
  - First Offense: \$25.00 Fine, warning from the Student Conduct Office
  - Second Offense: \$50.00 Fine, 10 hours of community service, Disciplinary Probation
  - Third Offense: \$100 Fine, 30 hours of community service, Disciplinary Probation
13. Complaints involving visitors or employees 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. Employee-related matters may also be reported to the Office of Human Resources for resolution.

