

4.5 SMOKE AND TOBACCO FREE POLICY

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable illness and death in the United States. Second hand smoke also can have a number of serious health effects on nonsmokers, particularly cancer, heart disease or death. Students, faculty, staff and visitors of Alabama State University have the right to breathe clean air and not be exposed to the effects of smoke and tobacco. Thus, in compliance with federal and Alabama ordinances, Alabama State University has established a smoke and tobacco free policy.

DEFINITION

A. “Smoking” includes the carrying, burning, or possessing of any type of lighted device, including, but not limited to pipe tobacco, cigar, cigarette, or any other smoking equipment, whether filled with tobacco or any other type of substance.

B. “Tobacco use” is defined as the personal use of any tobacco product, whether intended to be lit or not, which shall include smoking as defined above, as well as the use of an electronic cigarette or other device intended to simulate smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco, including snuff; chewing tobacco; smokeless pouches; and any other form of loose-leaf, smokeless tobacco; as well as the use of unlit cigarettes, cigars, and pipe tobacco.

GENERAL POLICY

Smoking and tobacco use is prohibited in or around the Alabama State University campus, including all buildings, facilities, spaces, walkways and parking that are owned, used, occupied or leased by Alabama State University.

University faculty, staff, and students should make a good faith effort to see that all faculty, staff, students, and their University guests do not smoke and/or use tobacco while on the University campus.