



UMBC SMOKING POLICY
UMBC Policy # VI-8.10.01

I. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations regarding smoking in the workplace and to provide a work environment that promotes productivity and the well-being of its employees. Smoking areas are regulated at UMBC to protect the physical well-being of nonsmokers, to respect the rights of smokers, and to comply with applicable smoking regulations. Adherence to the policy is the responsibility of the entire UMBC community (faculty, staff and students).

II. PURPOSE FOR POLICY

The UMBC is committed to promoting a healthy, smoke-free environment for all students, employees, and visitors. Recognizing the health risks associated with tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke, this policy establishes standards and requirements to ensure a smoke-free campus. It applies to all individuals on UMBC property, including students, faculty, staff, contractors and their employees, agents, guests, and visitors, and compliance is mandatory for anyone present on university grounds.

III. APPLICABILITY AND IMPACT STATEMENT

Tobacco smoke has been found to be a Class A human carcinogen. The US Office of the Attorney General, the Centers for Disease Control and other public health officials agree that secondhand smoke poses both immediate and long-term health risks for all, especially those individuals with asthma, cardiovascular disease, impaired lung function, hay fever, certain eye disorders, and those with allergic reaction to tobacco smoke.

The implementation of and adherence to this policy will affect all faculty, staff, students, and visitors to the UMBC campus.

IV. CONTACTS

If you have any questions about this policy, contact Human Resources or University Police

Subject	Contact	Telephone	Email
Policy Clarification	Human Resources	410-455-2337	hrstm@umbc.edu
Policy Enforcement	University Police	410-455-5555	

V. UNIVERSITY POLICY

Prohibitions Against Smoking

- A. Consistent with Maryland law, smoking is not permitted in any university building, including academic buildings, residence halls, administrative offices, enclosed facilities, or vehicles, except as provided in Section V(C).
- B. Smoking is prohibited on all university grounds and property, including walkways, parking lots, and recreational or athletic areas, except as provided in Section V(C)(2).
- C. Smoking on university property is permitted only under the following conditions:
 - 1. For controlled research or for educational, theatrical, or religious ceremonial purposes, with prior approval of the President or designee;
 - 2. In limited, designated areas on university grounds, as approved by the President; or
 - 3. Under any other exception recommended by the President and approved by the Chancellor.
- D. Prohibition on Sale: The sale of tobacco and smoking-related products is prohibited on university property.

Information on designated smoking areas is available at [Smoke-Free UMBC](#).

Prohibitions Against Electronic Smoking Devices

- A. The use of electronic smoking devices is not permitted in any university building, including academic buildings, residence halls, administrative offices, athletic stadiums, enclosed facilities, or university vehicles, except as provided in Section V(C).

VI. DEFINITIONS

Smoking	“Smoking” means carrying or inhaling from a lighted tobacco product or burning any material intended for inhalation, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, hookahs, pipes, and vaporizers.
Electronic Smoking Devices	“Electronic Smoking Devices” refers to any electronic product designed to simulate smoking by delivering nicotine or other substances for inhalation. This includes, but is not limited to, electronic cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, hookah, pipes, vaporizers, and any cartridge or component of such devices.
Institution Property	Any property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled or operated by the institution, including buildings, structures, grounds, and vehicles.
UMBC Administration	Refers to the President, Vice President, or Senior Administrators responsible for creating, implementing, updating, and enforcing university policies within their areas of authority.
Responsible Department or Office	At the direction of UMBC Administration, develops and administers policies and procedures, ensuring accuracy, issuance, and timely updates.

VII. APPROVAL AND PROCEDURES

Enforcement and Sanctions

1. Designated smoking locations may be changed or eliminated at the discretion of UMBC Administration. Notice of any changes will be communicated to the campus community through electronic and/or print media.
2. Designated enforcement officials are responsible for monitoring compliance with this policy during routine patrols.
3. Faculty and staff who violate this policy may be subject to fines and progressive disciplinary action in accordance with university Human Resources policies.
4. Students who violate this policy may be subject to fines and disciplinary action through the Office of Student Judicial Programs.
5. Visitors who violate this policy will be informed that UMBC is a smoke-free campus. Visitors who continue to violate the policy after receiving a warning will be escorted off campus.
6. Appeals may be available depending on the sanction or disciplinary action imposed.

VIII. DOCUMENTATION:

IX. RESTRICTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS: See Section V(C)

IX. RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SMOKING CESSATION

Smoking is discouraged because of significant health risks. Students, faculty, and staff interested in quitting smoking are urged to contact the Smoking Cessation Program at UMBC's University Health Services. Assistance in location available smoking cessation services shall be provided promptly to smokers wishing to quit.

Information on smoking cessation resources is available on the University Health Services website at <http://www.umbc.edu/uhs/healthedu.html>.

Administrator Use Only

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