

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – SUPERIOR

Policy Subject: **Tobacco Free – Wessman Arena**
Policy Number: **To be assigned**
Cabinet Division: **Administration & Finance**
Effective: **March 18, 2014**

The University of Wisconsin-Superior, dba Wessman Arena acknowledges and supports the findings of the Surgeon General that tobacco use in any form, active and passive, is a significant health hazard. In light of the health risks, and in support of a safe and healthy learning and working environment, Wessman Arena has set the following tobacco-free Wessman Arena policy to be implemented on March 18, 2014.

Purpose

The purposes of this policy are to reduce harm from secondhand smoke, provide an environment that encourages persons to be tobacco-free, establish an arena culture of wellness and environmental responsibility, and promote a tobacco-free future.

For the purpose of this policy, "tobacco" is defined to include any lighted cigarette (such as clove, bidis, kreteks), cigars, pipes, and hookah products; any other smoking products (such as e-cigarettes); and any smokeless, spit or spitless, dissolvable, or inhaled tobacco products, including but not limited to dip, chew, snuff or snus, in any form (such as orbs, sticks, pellet, etc.).

Smoking or the use of other tobacco products (see above) is prohibited within the Wessman Arena facility for any conferences, meetings, social, cultural, or athletic events.

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, contractors, vendors, and visitors during and after campus hours at the Wessman Arena facility.

Authority

The UW-Superior Chancellor issues this policy in accordance with the Administrative Policy process.

The Wessman Arena Director is responsible for the administration of this policy. Request an exemption to this policy through the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, who will consult with the Chancellor's Cabinet.

Sanctions and Appeals Process

Enforcement of this policy will depend upon the cooperation of all faculty, staff, and students to not only comply with the policy, but also to encourage others to comply in order to promote a healthy and clean environment in which to work, learn, and live. The success of this policy will depend on the courtesy, respect, and cooperation of users and non-users of tobacco products.

Violations will be handled like other work rule or policy violations.

Failure to adhere to the provisions of this policy may result in appropriate disciplinary action as provided under existing procedures applicable to students, faculty, and staff, and/or civil or criminal prosecution.

University Responsibilities

All University of Wisconsin-Superior faculty, staff, and students are responsible for compliance and for advising visitors of the policy.

All administrators, directors, department chairs, and supervisors are responsible for communicating the policy to everyone within their areas of responsibility.

Sufficient signage will be posted to inform members of the campus community and its visitors, including contractors and vendors, of the policy.



Renée M. Wachter, Chancellor

Date: 3/18/14

