7.8 Smoking Policy

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY
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PURPOSE

1.00 Tobacco smoking is the leading cause of premature death and disability in Canada. There is also medical evidence which indicates that exposure to second-hand smoke is hazardous to health and can cause disease in healthy non-smokers. The university is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its employees and students and promotes compliance with provincial and municipal regulations by:

- i) Promoting a smoke free environment;
- ii) Ensuring that the University is in compliance with municipal smoking by-laws, and the Smoke-Free Ontario Act; and
- iii) Establishing educational programs and assistance for University staff, faculty and students who currently smoke or use tobacco products and wish to quit.

DEFINITIONS

2.00 University Building: a building that is owned, operated, leased or rented by Wilfrid Laurier University

JURISDICTION / SCOPE

3.00 This policy applies to all Laurier faculty, staff, students, visitors and contractors.

POLICY

4.01 Smoking is prohibited in all university buildings owned, operated, leased or rented, and in university-owned vehicles.

4.02 Tobacco Products Sales
The selling of tobacco products on university property is prohibited.

4.03 Smoking Restrictions
Smoking is prohibited inside all buildings. It is also prohibited within 10 meters of any building, or if the building is less than 10m from the property line, prohibited 10m from any doorway.

4.04 Aboriginal Use of Traditional Medicines
Use of tobacco and other traditional aboriginal medicines are allowed under certain circumstances, as described in Policy 7.14 Aboriginal Use of Traditional Medicines.

4.05 Compliance
Discipline of faculty or staff for violation of this policy will be in accordance with collective agreements and university policy.

Contractors and other visitors must abide by this policy. Contractors are responsible for compliance with this and all other University Policies. Special Constable Services may be contacted to enforce compliance for visitors.

Organizers and attendees at public events using University buildings, such as conferences, meetings, social events etc, will be required to abide by this policy. Organizers of such events are responsible for communicating this policy to attendees and for enforcing the policy.

Enforcement for student infractions of this policy will be dealt with in accordance with applicable university policies for infractions in and around non-residence buildings; or the Residence Handbook for infractions in and around residence buildings.

4.06 Signage
Appropriate signage will be placed at all entrances to buildings and at other locations as may be necessary. The Department of Physical Resources and/or Facilities Operations will arrange for all signage.

4.07 Smoking Cessation Programs
Health Services and Human Resources are committed to providing resources for students, faculty and staff to support their efforts in smoking cessation. Human Resources can be contacted for smoking cessation programs relating to both faculty and staff. Health Services can be contacted for smoking cessation programs for students.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION
Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2006; O. Reg. 48/06

RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES, & DOCUMENTS
Policy 7.14 Aboriginal Use of Traditional Medicines
Policy 7.12 Open Flames on Campus
Brantford Smoke-Free By-law
Toronto Smoke-Free By-law
Waterloo Smoke-Free By-law