

3361:10-17-06

Conduct and ethics: smoking regulations.

(A) Rationale.

- (1) Smoking is one of the largest causes of illness and premature death in the United States. Research findings indicate that nonsmokers who are regularly exposed to tobacco smoke are also at increased risk of illness.
- (2) The university has had smoking regulations in place that are stipulated by the state of Ohio and, as a matter of policy, it shall be dedicated to providing a safe and healthful environment. Furthermore, the university has substantial commitments to health-related research and teaching and to patient care. Thus, the university community has a particular obligation to be sensitive to health-protection issues. The following policy has been developed with these interests in mind and shall be applied consistently to all faculty, staff, students, visitors, contractors and patients of the university of Cincinnati.

(B) Restrictions.

- (1) Effective January 1, 2006, smoking shall be prohibited inside buildings, athletics facilities, and vehicles owned, operated or leased by the university of Cincinnati. Smoking shall also be prohibited within twenty-five feet of all university building entrances, exits, air intakes and operable windows. Smoking shall not be permitted on any bridge, overpass or enclosed walkway.
- (2) The smoking regulation shall not apply to graduate and family housing facilities (Morgens and Scioto halls) until September 1, 2006.
- (3) To ensure compliance with this regulation:
 - (a) Designated smoking areas shall be provided.
 - (b) "No smoking" signage shall be posted in appropriate locations.
 - (c) University literature and advertising, particularly that which

is related to the posting of employment opportunities, shall identify the university as having smoke-free buildings, athletic facilities, and vehicles.

- (4) Except for designated areas, a smoke-free environment shall be provided within the premises of the university of Cincinnati medical center.

(C) Responsibility.

- (1) It shall be the responsibility of all members of the university of Cincinnati community to observe this rule and to direct those who are smoking to designated smoking areas.
- (2) The appropriate union contract or university policies shall prevail in addressing those faculty and staff who fail to comply with this rule.
- (3) Any employee of the university of Cincinnati who smokes inside university buildings, vehicles or in restricted areas shall be subject to disciplinary action.
- (4) Any student of the university of Cincinnati who smokes inside university buildings, vehicles or in restricted areas shall be subject to sanctions pursuant to the student code of conduct.

Replaces: Former 3361:10-17-06

Effective: January 1, 2006

Certification: Donna A. Christos signature
Donna A. Christos

Date: December 13, 2005

Promulgated under: R.C. Section 111.15
Statutory authority: R.C. 3361.
Rule amplifies: R.C. 3361.03

Prior effective date: September 1, 1991
October 18, 1991
May 2, 1994
April 19, 1995