

## **POLICY MEMORANDUM**

No. III-53

### **Smoke Free Policy for University Buildings**

#### **PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY:**

The Surgeon General of the United States has determined that cigarette smoking is the leading preventable cause of illness and premature death in the nation. Moreover, research indicates that non-smokers who are regularly exposed to passive (secondhand) tobacco smoke are also at increased risk of illness. Passive smoke appears to be especially damaging to the health of certain populations, including the elderly, children and individuals with allergies, asthma, respiratory disease, or cardiovascular disease. For these reasons, the Surgeon General has urged employers to implement broadly-based health promotion programs with special emphasis on smoking cessation. The response to the Surgeon General's advice and the medical evidence has been an overwhelming trend toward protection of the health and safety of non-smokers.

#### **POLICY:**

Smoking is prohibited in all buildings owned, operated, or leased regardless of location by the Missouri University of Science and Technology unless designated as a smoking area.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

**RESPONSIBILITY:** All members of the University Community

**BASIS:** Chancellor, upon the recommendations of the Faculty Senate and Student Council



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