

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY POLICY					
Policy #:	03-0028				
Name of Policy:	Smoking and Tobacco Use Policy				
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## 1.0 PURPOSE

In keeping with the mission and values of Missouri Southern State University and out of respect to students, employees, visitors, and the environment it is the policy of Missouri Southern State University to prohibit smoking, the use of smokeless tobacco products and nicotine delivery devices in facilities, grounds, property, and vehicles owned, leased, or controlled by the university.

## 2.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors.

## 3.0 POLICY

Products subject to this policy include but are not limited to:

- cigarettes (traditional or electronic)
- cigars
- pipes
- hookah
- smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco or snuff)
- other tobacco administering products
- other products containing nicotine (excluding Nicotine Replacement Therapy)

It is the responsibility of all administration, faculty, staff and students to abide by the University's tobacco policy. Employees and students are encouraged to communicate this policy with courtesy, respect, and diplomacy, especially with regards to visitors. Any individual willfully ignoring this policy is subject to discipline by and under University policies. Offenders are subject to discipline appropriate to their status, e.g. students are subject to the student discipline process as outlined in the student handbook and faculty/staff are subject to discipline from their appropriate supervisor and held to established administrative policies regarding conduct. Guests or visitors that repeatedly violate the policy may be asked to leave campus. Those with questions, concerns, or complaints related to this policy may contact the Dean of Students.

## **4.0 HISTORY**

Initial Effective Date — Fall 2016

Revised — July 2017; July 2025

## **5.0 RELATED DOCUMENTS**

Student Handbook