

Roger Williams University Smoking Policy

PREFACE: Roger Williams University takes pride in providing an atmosphere where students, employees and guests can *breathe easy*. In addition to outstanding academic programs, a beautiful scenic bayside campus and pleasant environment for study and work, the University continues to enhance a healthful environment for all in the University community.

The University is committed to providing *wellness* opportunities for all students, faculty and staff. Whether it is cardiovascular, emotional or respiratory fitness, the total health of each student and employee is important to Roger Williams University. Part of the emphasis on wellness includes a clean, healthy respiratory environment for all in the University community. To ensure a healthier atmosphere for everyone on campus, and following input and recommendation from a special University committee comprised of representatives from faculty, staff and students, the University adopts the following policy:

POLICY STATEMENT: In compliance with the State of Rhode Island's Smoking Law, and except as specifically provided for herein, smoking of any materials is prohibited on University premises, including all residence halls, offices and University vehicles. As a reasonable accommodation to individuals desiring to smoke, the University has established designated, outside smoking areas as the exclusive venue for smoking while on University premises. These areas were designated to remove the reasonable likelihood of second hand smoke migrating back into a building, as this is a requirement of the law.

The use of electronic cigarettes is permitted solely in these designated areas. However, hookahs, water pipes, bongos, and drug paraphernalia are prohibited on all campus property, as well as the use and possession of marijuana.

IMPLEMENTATION: In accordance with Rhode Island Law, smoking is prohibited outside of any doorway or area where smoke could migrate back into a building. Accordingly, signs have been placed at the entrance to buildings informing individuals that smoking is prohibited in the building and the entryway.

Smoking at and only at designated areas is allowed. All smoking material must be extinguished and disposed of within the designated area at a receptacle provided.

INFORMATION & COMPLIANCE: It is the responsibility of every member of the University community to observe and uphold this policy, informing visitors of its existence and parameters, and except as set out immediately below, directing questions, concerns and reports of violations, to the Department of Public Safety's Division of Environmental Health and Safety (ext. 3189). Concerns by or involving all students (other than students of the law school) should be directed to the University's Student Affairs Division. Students who are found smoking in the residence halls are immediately subject to judicial action and/or may be assessed a fine.

Incoming students and new personnel shall be informed of the smoking policy during orientation.

A map of the University, marking the designated smoking areas will be made available to those who request it through the Department of Public Safety's Division of Environmental Health and Safety. To request a map, please call Public Safety at ext. 3611 or see link below.

Designated Smoking Areas Map

http://rwu.edu/sites/default/files/smoking_area_poster.pdf