

Tobacco and Smoke-Free Campus

Policy

In accordance with the Georgia Smoke Free Air Act of 2005, Title 31 Chapter 12A, this policy reinforces the USG commitment to provide a safe and amicable workplace for all employees. The goal of the policy is to preserve and improve the health, comfort and environment of students, employees and any persons occupying our campuses.

The use of all forms of tobacco products on property owned, leased, rented, in the possession of, or in any way used by the USG or its affiliates is expressly prohibited. "Tobacco Products" is defined as cigarettes, cigars, pipes, all forms of smokeless tobacco, clove cigarettes and any other smoking devices that use tobacco such as hookahs or simulate the use of tobacco such as electronic cigarettes. "Tobacco Products" includes smoking devices which create an aerosol or vapor or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this policy.

Resources

Tobacco & Smoke-Free Campus https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/human-resources/Tobacco-Free-Campus/

Board of Regents Policy Manual §6.10 Tobacco and Smoke-Free Campuses https://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section6/C2663

USG Tobacco & Smoke Free

https://www.usg.edu/well-being/site/topic/category/tobacco_smoke_free/

Smoke Free Air Act Amendment (2023)

https://dph.georgia.gov/document/document/senate-bill-90-georgia-smokefree-air-act-2005pdf/download

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