WHY WE DECIDED TO GO TOBACCO-FREE
UK has a vital interest in maintaining a safe and healthy environment. With over $1 billion per year spent on treating people who get sick from using tobacco products in Kentucky alone, the use of tobacco products and exposure to secondhand smoke constitutes a significant health hazard, leading to premature death and chronic, debilitating disease. This policy puts students, patients, employees, and visitors first by providing a healthy, tobacco-free environment and decreasing exposure to secondhand smoke.

CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT OF COMPLIANCE
The policy applies to all employees, students, patients, visitors, vendors, and contractors. Violation of the tobacco-free regulation may result in corrective action under the UK Student Code of Conduct, Human Resources Policies and Procedures, other applicable University Regulations or Policies, and third-party contracts. Visitors refusing to comply may be asked to leave campus.

Compliance with the policy is everyone’s business. Get involved in the Tobacco-free Tube Action! Ambassador Program.
Contact Dr. Melinda Ickes at melinda.ickes@uky.edu for more information.

The map above outlines the boundaries covered by the tobacco-free policy at UK. Clearly visible signage is also in place to indicate tobacco-free boundaries.

UK TOBACCO-FREE POLICY, ADMINISTRATION REGULATION 6:5
For areas located within Fayette County, Kentucky, the use of all tobacco products is prohibited on all property that is owned, operated, leased, occupied, or controlled by the University. “Property” for purposes of this paragraph includes buildings and structures, grounds, parking structures, enclosed bridges and walkways, sidewalks, parking lots, and vehicles, as well as personal vehicles in these areas.