UK TOBACCO-FREE POLICY, ADMINISTRATION REGULATION 6:5

The use of all tobacco products is prohibited on all property within Fayette County, Kentucky, 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.

ABOUT THE POLICY

The University of Kentucky became completely tobacco-free on all campus grounds and parking areas and on all other UK properties in Fayette County on November 19, 2009. The tobacco-free policy, which prohibits the use of all tobacco products (including but not limited to cigarettes, pipes, hookah, cigars, e-cigarettes, chew, snuff, snus and other non-combustible tobacco products), has already been in effect on the UK Medical Center campus and all UK HealthCare facilities within Fayette County since November 20, 2008, and applies to all areas of the UK campus and property in Fayette County, indoors and out.

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 employees, guests and students first by providing a healthy, tobacco-free environment and decreasing exposure to secondhand smoke.