

**POLICY**

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Approved By: Vice President for Business &amp; Financial Affairs

**POL-U5950.12 SMOKING TOBACCO**

*This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, volunteers and visitors of Western Washington University.*

1. **Smoking is prohibited inside any Western Washington University administrative or academic building.**

Western Washington University is dedicated to providing a healthful and productive work environment for all employees, students and the public visiting or conducting activities in University facilities. This policy is enacted in response to the growing medical and scientific evidence of detrimental effects of active and passive smoking on personal health and work performance.

2. **Per RCW 70.160, smoking is prohibited within twenty-five feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed area inside aforementioned buildings.**

Its purpose is not to infringe upon the personal right and decision of any employee, student, or member of the public to smoke. Rather, it is intended to provide a smoke-free environment for employees, students, and the public who do not wish to be affected by those who smoke. Enforcement actions will follow the RCW.

3. **There will be identified outdoor smoking areas on campus.**

The Central Health and Safety Committee, upon advice from the University community and in accordance with their charter, will provide recommendations for identified areas for smoking outdoors.

Changes to identified smoking areas may be requested by contacting the current Central Health and Safety Committee chair, a committee representative, or the Environmental Health and Safety staff.

4. A separate section of the Washington Administrative Code addresses residential facilities.