


Applicability Employee Classes: All Florida Tech Employees and Students	Effective: 5/1/93	Approved by:  Lynn E. Weaver, President
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A. POLICY

Please let me advise you of a new policy with respect to smoking in university facilities. The policy outlined herein is made in recognition of new statutory requirements passed by the Florida legislature and renewed concerns over the effects of passive (secondary) smoke on non-smokers.

Effective May 1, 1993, smoking is prohibited in any facility owned or leased by Florida Tech, except in residential facilities rented or leased to students and others. The Dean of Students shall promulgate a plan for non-smoking areas in each residential facility based upon distinct air handling systems.

The Florida Tech community should be aware that Florida Statutes prohibit smoking in public places and that educational facilities are specifically included in the definition of public places. The Statutes do not permit the designation of smoking areas on educational facilities. The state may assess fines of up to \$100 for the first offense, and up to \$500 for each subsequent violation, against individuals violating the law. Students and employees violating university policy on smoking will be subject to disciplinary action.

The intent of state law, and the spirit of this policy, is to protect the public health, comfort and environment by creating areas in public places that are reasonably free from tobacco smoke. Your understanding and cooperation are important to the successful implementation of this policy.