

Smoking Policy

The University complies with State Statute P.L. 1985 Chapter 184, which states that the right of the nonsmoker to breathe clean air supersedes the right of the smoker to smoke. Subchapter 11 of the Uniform Construction Code, January 21, 1993, addresses tobacco smoking in existing buildings occupied by public employees requiring that air from designated areas not be re-circulated into the building. William Paterson University does not meet the required standards to accommodate designated smoking areas. Therefore, smoking is banned in all buildings on campus. All areas of the residence halls are smoke-free as well.

Enforcement

The success of this policy depends upon the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers. In the event of a conflict, individuals are encouraged to work out a compromise among themselves. If this effort proves unsuccessful, students will be referred to the Office of the Dean of Student Development, and faculty and staff to their supervisors.

For those who smoke, receptacles are available outside of buildings where cigarettes, cigars, etc., may be extinguished. Please utilize these containers.