

Environmental Health and Safety periodically receives questions about the University's No Smoking Policy and its interpretation. The following question and answer format is designed to help students, faculty, and staff to better understand this policy.

- Q. Where is the no-smoking policy, and how is it worded?
- A. BGSU's no-smoking policy is summarized in the Academic Charter, Student Handbook, Classified Staff Handbook, and Administrative Handbook in the statement "Smoking is prohibited inside all buildings, structures, and vehicles owned or leased by Bowling Green State University, including those at the Firelands campus."¹ This statement is a summary of a Board of Trustees resolution found at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page14012.html>
- Q. What happens if the policy is not followed?
- A. If the no-smoking policy is not followed, supervisors of Classified Staff and Administrative staff would enforce this policy as they would other University policies. The Office of Human Resources is available to assist Classified Staff and Administrative Staff with personnel matters regarding the no smoking policy. Environmental Health and Safety is available to answer questions related to environmental health and fire safety. Academic department chairpersons, directors, and deans can assist faculty members with questions related to this policy. Students who violate the No Smoking Policy may be referred to Student Discipline.
- Q. The Board of Trustees resolution states that smoking cessation services will be available. Where can I find these services?
- A. Smoking cessation services can be found at the following locations:
- The Wellness Connection at the Health Center has smoking cessation services for students. Call 419-372-9355.
 - Employees can contact BGSU's Employee Assistance Program for information on smoking cessation programs.
 - The American Lung Association operates the Tobacco Quitline at 1-866-784-8937, and has an on-line program at www.lungusa.org (see Quit Smoking). You can also call 800-586-4872 for information on smoking cessation programs at various locations in Northwest Ohio.
 - Contact the Wellness Department, Wood County Hospital, 950 West Wooster Street, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402, 419-354-8900, for availability and cost of smoking cessation classes.
- Q. Tobacco smoke enters the building when smokers gather near entrances and my allergies and respiratory problems get worse when I walk through this smoke. The American Lung Association says that smoking, including "passive smoking," causes or makes worse a number of illnesses, including cancer, respiratory infections, and asthma. The Board of Trustees resolution does not mention smoking near building entrances. What can I do?
- A. Contact Environmental Health and Safety (419-372-2171), which will work with department chairpersons, directors, deans, the Office of Human Resources, and other areas in seeking voluntary agreements that address this health concern.

¹ Academic Charter (see Employee Responsibilities, Smoking Regulations)
<http://www.bgsu.edu/downloads/file917.pdf>
The Student Handbook (see University Policies and Procedures, Smoking)
<http://www.bgsu.edu/downloads/sa/file15768.pdf>
Classified Staff Handbook (see Policies and Procedures, Smoking Regulations)
<http://www.bgsu.edu/downloads/execvp/file11373.pdf>
Administrative Staff Handbook (see General University Personnel Policies, Smoke Free Workplace)
<http://www.bgsu.edu/downloads/execvp/file11372.pdf>