

## **TOBACCO USE IN UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

It is the intent of Langston University to promote the health, well-being and safety of students, faculty, staff and visitors. In order to maintain a safe and comfortable working environment and to ensure compliance with applicable laws, Langston University is designated as a tobacco-free environment. Smoking and the use of all tobacco products are prohibited. This includes the use of e-cigarettes and other vapor products.

The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education may be designated as tobacco free, including smoking or smokeless tobacco, by the institution upon adoption of a policy stating the tobacco restrictions for the institution and an intent to enforce the penalty for violations as set forth in subsection N of 21 O.S.§1247 effective November 1, 2010. As well as ensure compliance Executive Order 2013-43, effective January 1, 2014.

This policy applies to all non-leased buildings and grounds owned or under the control of Langston University, including any housing or residence facility owned, operated, or managed by the University. Tobacco use is also prohibited in all vehicles owned, leased or under the control of Langston University.

All faculty, staff, students, and visitors are requested to honor the tobacco free policy. Courtesy and consideration will be exercised when informing others unaware of and/or in disregard of this policy. Appropriate corrective action will be taken for any individual failing to comply with this policy. In addition to appropriate corrective action by the University, any commissioned law enforcement officer may issue a citation in accordance with the Langston University's Tobacco Use in University Buildings and Grounds policy.

For employees who wish to quit tobacco or e-cigarettes, a variety of cessation resources are available, many at no cost or covered by state-provided insurance programs. Free quit coaching and other resources are available through the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline by calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-7669) or visiting [www.okhelpline.com](http://www.okhelpline.com). Langston University will be supportive of those wanting to quit and will assist in connecting employees with the available resources.