

# UConn HEALTH

POLICY NUMBER 2010-02

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**POLICY: SMOKE AND TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT POLICY**

**PURPOSE:**

UConn Health is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment by promoting a campus that is free of tobacco products, environmental tobacco smoke, and other smoking related by-products. In accordance with this philosophy, tobacco use or smoking of any kind including e-cigarettes is prohibited inside or on the grounds of the UConn Health campus and its properties.

**SCOPE:**

All persons while at a UConn Health facility.

**DEFINITIONS:**

- Smoking for purposes of this policy is defined as the lighting, smoking or carrying of a lighted cigarette, e-cigarette, pipe or cigar.
- Tobacco includes the use of smokeless tobacco products.
- Environmental tobacco smoke is defined as smoke or vapor emerging from the burning end of a cigarette, e-cigarette, pipe or cigar during active smoking.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

- 1) Smoking (as defined above) is not permitted on any property or in buildings owned by UConn Health, nor in other areas controlled or operated by UConn Health, which may include leased facilities, parking areas, garages, or access roads..
- 2) Smoking and tobacco use inside an official UConn Health vehicle is not permitted at any time. Smoking and tobacco use inside personal vehicles is allowed. Discarding of cigarette butts outside personal vehicles is not permitted and subject to a \$219.00 littering infraction C.G.S. §22a250(a) by the UConn Health Police Department.

- 3) It is the responsibility of every member of the UConn Health community to conduct him/herself in compliance with this policy. Employees who observe violations, should request in a courteous and tactful manner that the individual in violation of the policy stop smoking or using tobacco.
  
- 4) Violation of this policy may result in a citation and fine and/or disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Reference: Connecticut General Statutes: Sec 19a-342

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**Date**

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