

POLICY 2.7

Smoke-free and Tobacco Free Workplace

SCOPE: FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, VISITORS, AND VENDORS
Effective: January 1, 2012
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INTRODUCTION

Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) is committed to providing its employees, students and visitors with a safe and healthy environment. LIT recognizes that the use of tobacco products on the Institute's premises is detrimental to the health and safety of all. To that end, the use of tobacco products will not be permitted at any time on the Institute's premises. This policy shall be implemented with an emphasis given towards positive methods of ensuring compliance whenever possible.

DEFINITIONS:

1. Tobacco products include cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, blunts, pipes, bidis, hookahs, chewing tobacco, dip, smokeless tobacco, snuff, or any other items containing or reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products.
2. Tobacco use includes smoking, chewing, dipping, or any other use of tobacco products.
3. Institute premises includes any property in use by the Institute, property leased or owned (including all grounds, buildings, facilities, vehicles, parking lots), property used for official functions sponsored by the Institute; and property used by the Institute in the conduct of any of its courses.

REGULATIONS:

1. Students, employees, visitors, volunteers, contractors or other persons performing services on behalf of the Institute shall not be permitted to use any tobacco product at any time while on Institute's premises.
2. The sale or free distribution of tobacco products or merchandise on the Institute's premises shall be prohibited.
3. Tobacco advertisements shall be prohibited in Institute-run publications and on the Institute's premises.