

Smoking Policies

Under the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act, smoking has been prohibited in public places, except in designated smoking areas and for a few other exceptions, since it was enacted in 1975. In recent years, many of the 32 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities have been adopting more restrictions on smoking and tobacco use. Some institutions are tobacco free. This is part of a national trend.

On March 17, 2010, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution encouraging each college and university to consult with students, faculty and staff about further restricting tobacco use on the system's 54 campuses.

In Minnesota, the impetus for placing more restrictions on smoking has often come from students. For example, students at Vermilion Community College circulated a petition to eliminate smoking from the classroom building entrance, signed students up for a smoking cessation support group, handed out "Quit Kits" they created for smokers and helped students participate in the great American Smoke Out. At Minnesota State University, Mankato, the Student Senate passed a resolution asking the administration to adopt more smoking restrictions, and the university complied.

Before deciding to become smokefree, Minnesota State University Moorhead officials surveyed students and employees. The survey showed most students and employees recognize smoking and secondhand smoke are health issues, that the number one place that students and employees are regularly exposed to secondhand smoke is

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buildings and college
designated area outside.

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