

Employee Tobacco-Free Tip Card

GEORGIA TOBACCO-FREE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

In an effort to protect the health of many Georgians, **[NAME OF AGENCY]** has directed all colleges and universities within its system to begin going **tobacco free in [DATE]**. Tobacco use will not be allowed in any buildings and/or on the grounds of colleges and universities within the University System of Georgia including:

Parking lots – Courtyards – Campus Housing – Dining Halls

Tobacco facts and resources

- Tobacco use is the No. 1 cause of preventable deaths in Georgia.
- Almost 10,000 adult Georgians die every year from tobacco related illnesses.
- 3 million Georgians are exposed to any secondhand smoke on one or more days in the past seven days.
- Tobacco use cost Georgia nearly \$5 billion in healthcare costs and loss of productivity.

If you see an employee, client or visitor using tobacco on campus, use these tips:

- Be polite and friendly.
- Assume the person isn't aware of the policy.
- Explain tobacco use is not permitted on any campus that is a part of the University System of Georgia.
- Remind the person of links between tobacco use and health risks.
- Empathize with the person's situation.
- Make a decision based on the situation — you may not want to insist, but offer a Georgia Tobacco Quitline brochure.

University System of Georgia's website:
<http://www.usg.edu/>

Georgia Tobacco Quitline

1-877-270-STOP (7867)

Spanish: 1-877-2NO-FUME (266-3863)

<http://dph.georgia.gov/georgia-tobacco-use-prevention-program>

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