

Cedarville University

Statement of Compliance with State Smoking Ban

Under the Ohio State Smoking ban law, ORC 3794, all “**public places**” and “**places of employment**” are to have special conspicuous “**No Smoking**” signs posted at each entrance to a building. The signs must be clearly legible and contain a toll-free number (866-559-OHIO) for reporting violations to the State Health Department.

The law prohibits* all smoking in the following areas:

“**Public places**” - means an enclosed area to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted and that is not a private residence.

“**Place of employment**” - means an enclosed area under the direct or indirect control of an employer that the employer’s employees use for work or any other purpose, including but not limited to, offices, meeting rooms, sales, production and storage areas, restrooms, stairways, hallways, warehouses, garages, and vehicles. An enclosed area as described herein is a place of employment without regard to the time of day or the presence of employees.

“**Outdoor area**” - means any establishment, facility, or outdoor area that does not otherwise qualify as a public place or place of employment, may be declared as a nonsmoking place, under the law if a sign conforming to the requirements is posted.

(*Note: This includes public or private entities, including those of a non-profit status.)

Specific Smoking Prohibitions at the University:

In order to comply with the law, the university has implemented the following policies, which comply fully with the law. It should be noted that Cedarville University **has always been a non-smoking campus.**

- 1) The university will not permit smoking in the public places of employment or in the areas directly or indirectly under the control of the university, adjacent to locations of ingress or egress to the public place or places of employment as well as outdoor areas or facilities.
- 2) The university shall ensure that tobacco smoke does not enter any area in which smoking is prohibited under the law through entrances, windows, ventilation systems, or other means.
- 3) No person or the university will discharge, refuse to hire, or in any manner retaliate against an individual for exercising any right, including reporting a violation, or performing any obligation under the smoking law.
- 4) No person shall refuse to immediately discontinue smoking in a public place, place of employment, or establishment, facility or outdoor area declared nonsmoking under the law when requested to do so by the university or any employee of the university of the public place, place of employment or establishment, facility or outdoor area.

Resolution and Intervention:

Any person, who has difficulty with obtaining compliance from someone smoking on our campus, may contact the Campus Safety & Security Department to respond for intervention purposes. This will be more expeditious than contacting the toll free number, unless the party chooses to do so!

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