
Kent State University at Stark is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable and productive environment for its students and employees.

As an educational institution, it is appropriate to take a leadership role in reducing the effects of a known health hazard and provide positive role models for students.

Therefore, new smoking regulations, effective August 29, have been adopted for the campus.

Below are the designated outdoor smoking and non-smoking areas on the Stark Campus:

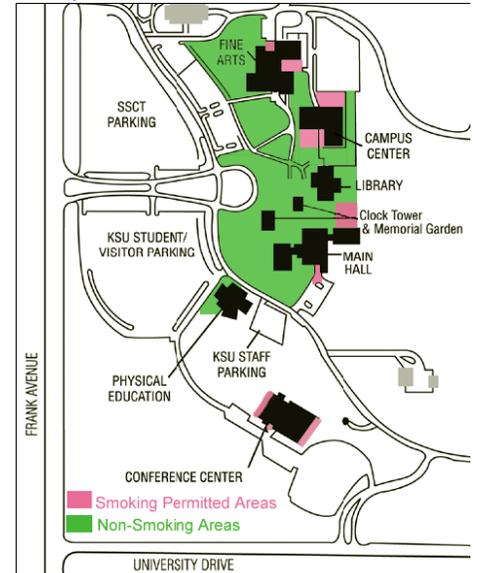
Smoking at Kent State Stark is restricted to the following designated areas:

- Under the covered patio located in the back entrance of Main Hall
- The patio near the East Wing of Main Hall and the Library
- On the outdoor south patio of the Campus Center by the Food Emporium Dining area
- On the lower patio behind the Fine Arts Building

Ashtrays are located at the perimeter of all designated outdoor smoking areas.

Smoking is PROHIBITED at Kent State Stark by the front/main entrance of ANY building. Specifically, smoking is prohibited:

- In all interior building spaces on campus
- In front of the main entrances/exits of Fine Arts, the Library, the Physical Education Building, the Campus Center and Main Hall.



The following guidelines have been established to inform all students of the smoke-free regulations at Kent State Stark:

- An educational campaign to implement the new smoking policy on campus with written materials, pamphlets, e-mails and signage.
- Distribution of pamphlets to all orientation classes.
- Campus administrators will perform frequent walks through designated smoke-free areas. The university code of conduct can be used to enforce this regulation.
- Smoke-free area signs will be posted at all building entrances. Ashtrays will be placed at a reasonable distance from smoke-free areas.
- Smoking cessation classes will be made available to members of the university community wishing to cease smoking.

Where can I go for help?

Many organizations offer information, counseling and other services on how to quit as well as information on where to go for help.

If you want to quit smoking and need help, contact **The Ohio Tobacco Quit Line: 800-934-4840**

The Ohio Tobacco Quit Line puts smokers in touch with a counselor who can talk about habits, triggers, and tools, such as nicotine replacement therapy, prescriptions such as Wellbutrin and Zyban, and local support programs. They work with a smoker through five calls, from setting a date to quit to follow-up.

Smokers who complete the Quit Line program are FIVE TIMES more successful than those who quit cold turkey.

Please encourage those who are considering quitting to call 1-800-934-4840 for this free service.

Your personal support and encouragement can also make a difference!

The success of creating and maintaining a smoke-free environment will depend upon the cooperation, consideration and thoughtfulness of smokers and non-smokers. Members of the campus community are to abide by the guidelines of the smoking regulations.

All employees and students share in responsibility for adhering to this policy. Problems should be brought to the attention of the appropriate building administrator, Business Office or the Security Department in Main Hall.
