

THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
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Executive Order No: 599
Title: Policy Statement Regarding Smoking on University Premises
Effective Date: May 1, 1993
Supersedes: No Prior Executive Order

This Executive Order is issued pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of the Standing Orders of the Board of Trustees of The California State University, and in response to the request by Governor Pete Wilson to implement the intent of his statewide Executive Order No. W-42-93 regarding prohibition of smoking in all state owned buildings.

Introduction

Smoking accounts for over 400,000 deaths annually, with over 42,000 of these deaths occurring among Californians.

Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS), or exposure to secondhand smoke, is estimated to cause an additional 53,000 deaths in the United States, primarily due to lung cancer and heart disease.

A recently published study suggests that nonsmoking women exposed to the tobacco smoke of co-workers have a 34% higher risk of developing lung cancer, which is even higher than the risk of exposure to tobacco smoke from a spouse or household member.

ETS is classified as a carcinogen under California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, and has recently been designated as a Class A carcinogen by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Attempts at air cleaning using mechanical air filters, electronic air cleaners, ion generators, or hybrid devices are expensive and uniformly fail to effectively remove gaseous pollutants.

Smoking has been shown to create additional costs to employers associated with building maintenance and fire insurance, employee absenteeism, medical insurance and disability, and lower worker productivity.

General Provisions

Effective May 1, 1993, The California State University shall implement this Executive Order. No later than December 31, 1993, smoking shall be prohibited in all California State University buildings or leased spaces. This includes all campus buildings or leased spaces within buildings shared by others.

Campuses are encouraged to develop a plan for implementing a smoking prohibition in facilities occupied by or operated by student organizations, foundations, or other non-university owned agents.

Barry Munitz, Chancellor

Dated: May 1, 1993