

**LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY
SMOKING POLICY**

"Smoking is Public Health Enemy Number One." It has been so designated by the U.S. Surgeon General because smoking is the leading cause of premature death and disability. Research has shown that nonsmokers with chronic heart or lung disease can experience severe distress when exposed to secondhand smoke on the job. Many allergic individuals and even the majority of healthy nonsmokers report discomfort when exposed to secondhand smoke on the job. Furthermore, recent medical studies indicate that long-term exposure to involuntary smoking may increase nonsmokers' risk of developing lung cancer or other severe lung disease.

Louisiana Tech University is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable, and productive work environment for its employees. Such a goal can be achieved only through effective efforts to protect nonsmokers from secondhand smoke. At the individual request of numerous faculty and staff as well as the collective request of the Louisiana Tech University Faculty Senate, the Student Government Association, the Administrative Council, and with the approval of the University President, smoking and use of smokeless tobacco products will be prohibited in all University buildings except residence halls effective July 1, 1989. All faculty, staff, and students share responsibility for adhering to and enforcing University policy. The success of this policy will depend upon the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of tobacco users and non-users. Lack of policy adherence should be brought to the attention of the appropriate supervisory personnel.