INTRODUCTION:

Niagara University is committed to having a safe, healthy and beautiful campus that is enjoyed by all as a great place to work and study.

The purpose of this policy is to comply with the New York State Public Health Law and to actively promote a campus that is free of smoke, tobacco and related debris.

It is the responsibility of the university to ensure compliance with the law, and our intention to become a leader in fostering the health, safety and beauty of our campus community by a becoming completely smoke and tobacco free campus by September 2010.

SCOPE

All faculty, staff, students, vendors, contractors and visitors to the University.

POLICY:

Effective August 31, 2009 smoking is not allowed within any building or other enclosed facility on the Niagara University Campus and is only allowed in temporary designated areas as indicated by maps and signage. Smoking is prohibited in all NU vehicles in any location, or any other vehicle within 50 feet of a building on campus.

For the 2009-10 academic year, temporary designated smoking areas shall be identified by the placement of a receptacle for cigarette/cigar butts affixed with a "Smoking Area" label. A campus map displaying the smoking areas with receptacles shall be posted on the NU website. (See attached map.) Smoking is allowed within 6 feet of a designated receptacle, and all smoking debris must be extinguished and placed in the receptacles.

The university will foster educational programming and encourage participation in smoking cessation and "Smoke-Enders" programs on and off campus.

PROCEDURE:

The success of this policy depends on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of every one on campus. It is expected that all understand the university’s concerns for the health and safety our community and our desire to have a campus that is free of smoke debris. Therefore, we fully expect that as responsible and courteous persons, all will share in the responsibility for adhering to the policy and feel free to remind others of it. If necessary, any member of the campus community may call recurring problems to the attention of Campus Safety or Human Resources.