

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Memo

To: OSRHE Staff
From: Chancellor Glen D. Johnson
Date: Monday, December 30, 2013
Subject: Important Information Regarding Executive Order 2013-43

In order to provide for a healthier work environment, encourage healthier lifestyle choices for state employees, and protect visitors to state property, Governor Mary Fallin signed Executive Order 2013-43 prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes and other vaping devices on all state property.

Consistent with this Executive Order, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) have revised our comprehensive tobacco-free policy to include e-cigarettes and other vapor products. This policy will end the use of e-cigarettes and other vaping devices on all properties owned, leased or contracted for use by the State of Oklahoma at all times and in the delivery of our services regardless of location, effective January 1, 2014. The full text of this new agency policy is published on page 17 in the OSRHE's *Administrative Guidelines* (attached).

For employees who wish to quit tobacco or e-cigarettes, a variety of cessation resources are available, many at no cost or covered by state-provided insurance programs. Free tobacco cessation coaching and other resources are available through the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline by calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-7669) or visiting www.okhelpline.com. The OSRHE will be supportive of those wanting to quit tobacco use and will assist in connecting employees with the available resources.

Thank you.

Attached: Page 17 of the OSRHE's Administrative Guidelines

SMOKING – TOBACCO USE

Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 1-1523 prohibits smoking in all public places, in any indoor workplace, and in all vehicles owned by the State of Oklahoma and all of its agencies and instrumentalities. Executive Order 2012-01 signed on February 2, 2012 and Executive Order 2013-43 signed on December 23, 2013 by Governor Mary Fallin prohibit the use of any tobacco product or electronic cigarette or vaping device on any and all properties owned, leased or contracted for use by the State of Oklahoma, including but not limited to all buildings, land and vehicles owned, leased or contracted for use by agencies or instrumentalities of the State of Oklahoma.

Smoking cessation resources are available to employees and will be provided upon request and/or at safety training meetings. Free help is available at the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline 1-800-784-8669 (QUIT NOW) and at the following links:

www.okhelpline.com

www.quitnow.net/Oklahoma

http://www.ok.gov/health/Organization/Tobacco-Free_State_Properties.html