

Wageningen University & Research Smoking Policy

In response to the order in council under which educational institutions are required to make their sites smoke-free and because Wageningen University & Research (WUR) wants to provide a healthy learning and working environment for its students and employees, WUR will be changing its smoking policy. In doing so, WUR is also contributing to the government's commitment to a smoke-free generation by 2040.

What is the smoking policy?

The smoking policy states that all WUR buildings are smoke-free. All areas of Wageningen Campus that fall under the authority of WUR, and a few properties outside of Wageningen Campus (the Aula, testing locations Nergena and Droevendaal) are also smoke-free.

Where does the smoking policy apply?

The smoke-free area on Wageningen Campus and the few locations outside of it are designated as "*smoke-free areas*" on the map that can be found at www.wur.eu/smokefree. Signs at the different access roads to Wageningen Campus, the Aula, testing locations Nergena and Droevendaal indicate the boundaries of the smoke-free areas.

Please note: the buildings and properties of other organisations on Wageningen Campus may also be smoke-free. The management of those buildings and properties may have established house rules with regard to smoking. Consult the applicable house rules, and respect them.

What does "smoke-free" mean?

Smoke-free means that smoking is not permitted inside WUR buildings and in smoke-free areas. The smoking ban applies to all types of tobacco products as well as related products such as electronic smoking products and herbal products intended for smoking.

Who does the policy apply to?

The policy applies to everyone who is inside WUR buildings or in the designated smoke-free area (see above "Where does the smoking policy apply?"). This means that the smoking policy applies to both employees and students as well as visitors and suppliers.

When does the policy apply?

The policy applies 24 hours a day, seven days a week and throughout the calendar year. No exceptions will be made to the smoking ban. This means that the smoking policy also applies outside of office hours, during weekends, during the summer recess, and during events organised on Wageningen Campus (whether or not they are organised by third parties).

What happens if someone does not comply with the smoking policy?

Employees and students can address any smoking colleagues, fellow students, or visitors and inform them that smoking is not permitted inside the WUR buildings and in the smoke-free area. Violations in the smoke-free area can also be reported to the Service Desk Facilities. Violations in the buildings can be reported to the Location Management departments of the building in question.

WUR enforces the smoking policy and has the authority to take measures against offenders. With regard to employees and students, appropriate disciplinary measures can be taken (based on the Higher Education and Research Act (*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*)).

The NVWA (Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority) is tasked with monitoring compliance at smoke-free educational campuses, and may fine WUR in the case of violations. WUR reserves the right to charge any fines imposed by the NVWA on WUR as a result of a violation of smoking policy to the offending smoker(s), in a fair manner that is appropriate for the severity of the infringement.

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