

Have you seen a smoker?

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Six months have passed since the Tulane University [tobacco-free policy](#) went into effect on Aug. 1, 2014. And Scott Tims, assistant vice president for campus health, is thrilled with the smooth transition.

“We have seen an increase in students seeking cessation services,” Tims said. “The number is almost double what we’ve seen in previous years.”

For others, the transition may be a bit more difficult and Tims hopes to remind them that fines can be issued by the [Tulane University Police Department](#) or through the [Office of Student Conduct](#) to anyone caught smoking on a Tulane University campus.

“Our goal is not to have to issue fines, but to educate those who use tobacco on where they can use it and be in compliance with the policy,” said Tims.

Fines are \$25. To date, no citations with a fine have been issued, said Tims, but roughly 10 complaints of policy violations have been received.

While most feedback on the policy has been positive, Tims said a few complaints have been received. However, the students and staff who say they are enjoying the smoke-free air outweighs any negative responses.

The tobacco-free website features a link that allows individuals to [anonymously report violations](#).

“I like to remind people that the public sidewalks are pretty accessible and are available for them to use their tobacco products,” said Tims. “All we ask is that you refrain from using these items on university grounds.”

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