

**The Effects of the No Smoking Policy in the Smoking Behavior of Smokers in the
College of Engineering and College of Social Science and Philosophy in the
University of the Philippines Diliman**

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Abstract

This research examined how the No Smoking Policy affects the smoking behavior of smokers in the University of the Philippines Diliman Campus. Survey was done to 35 regular smokers in the College of Engineering and College of Social Science and Philosophy and the data were processed using SPSS 13.0. The results showed that smokers do not conform to the No Smoking Policy and their awareness of the prohibited areas for smoking has no impact to their compliance. The No Smoking Policy did not reinforce the smokers to smoke in places banned for smoking. It also did not reduce their cigarette consumption. On the other hand, the No Smoking Policy did not invade the personal spaces of smokers. It did not seclude them from non-smokers and non-smoking spaces. Other results indicated that smokers stay away from non-smokers when they are *smoking* and they feel responsible for the deterioration of health of non-smokers. The study concluded that the No Smoking Policy did not affect the smoking behavior of smokers.