



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 509TH BOMB WING (ACC)
WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, MISSOURI

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL 509 BW COMMANDERS

FROM: 509 BW/CC

SUBJECT: Tobacco Usage

1. One-third of the active duty personnel assigned to the 509th Bomb Wing report using tobacco products. Tobacco use is inconsistent with maintaining a healthy, fit force. I am asking you to assist me in my efforts to deglamorize tobacco use and enforce the current tobacco policy outlined in AFI 40-102, *Tobacco Use in the Air Force* (3 Jun 2002), and the ACC Supplement to AFI 40-102.
2. Remind our wing personnel that smoking (cigars, cigarettes and pipes) and the use of smokeless tobacco (spit/loose tobacco) products are prohibited in the workplace IAW AFI 40-102. The flight line, temporary or transient facilities such as entry control buildings and entryways to facilities are considered as part of the workplace. Use of tobacco products is permitted only in designated tobacco use areas that are located away from building entrances and pedestrian walkways. Butt cans and receptacles should be located in those designated areas.
3. My goal is to reduce the prevalence of tobacco use in the 509 BW and create an environment that supports a tobacco-free community. The health and welfare of 509 BW personnel must be a priority for commanders and supervisors at all levels. Supervisors should aggressively encourage breaking the habit among their subordinates and actively monitor progress. Your enforcement of this letter and spirit of our tobacco use instruction reflects that emphasis.
4. The 509th Health and Wellness Center staff can help if you have questions regarding compliance issues. Additionally, they can provide tobacco cessation classes for your personnel if they are ready to quit. Please contact Maj Glenda Mitchell at 687-7662 if you need assistance.

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Commander