

USD Sidewalk Chalking Procedure – Fall 2016

The purpose for this procedure is to ensure that students, employees, campus organizations and departments have equal access for sidewalk chalking while setting parameters for when and how chalking may be conducted.

Chalking is defined as the marking of a surface with chalk in order to communicate a message.

Chalking is permitted by students, employees, campus organizations and departments of the University of South Dakota under the following regulations:

- a. Only water-soluble chalk may be used for sidewalk chalking. Spray chalk or any substance that is not readily removed with water may not be used.
- b. Chalking is permitted only on horizontal surfaces that are exposed to rain where the chalk marks will naturally be washed away.
- c. Chalking is strictly prohibited on vertical surfaces such as building walls, vertical steps, columns, etc.
- d. The institution monitors only the type of chalk and the places where chalking occurs, not the content of the messages.
- e. Chalking found on prohibited surfaces will be removed, and the persons responsible will be charged with restoration costs.

Messages and other content chalked on university property are the responsibility of the individuals, student organization or department applying the chalk and do not imply any relationship with, or official sanction by, the University of South Dakota.

The university encourages constituents to respect the mission and values of the institution, including the USD Diversity and Inclusiveness Statement, and refrain from interfering with the rights of others.