

SMOKING AND TOBACCO POLICY

POLICY INFORMATION

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Reference:

Classified Staff Human Resources Policy Manual 408.0

University Handbook for Appointed Personnel 2.17

Responsible Unit:

~~Campus Health Service~~ **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

The purpose of this Policy is to establish the University of Arizona's (University) commitment to protect the health of University faculty, staff, students, and visitors on its campuses and in its vehicles.

SCOPE

This policy does not apply to personal vehicles.

This Policy applies to students, employees, affiliates, associates, contractors, volunteers, and visitors.

This policy applies to the University of Arizona's Main Campus in Tucson, ~~the Arizona Health Sciences Center~~ **UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUS** [IN TUCSON](#), the Phoenix Biomedical Campus, and UA South.

This Policy supersedes any other policy of the University on the same subject.

DEFINITIONS

"ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS ~~Electronic Cigarettes~~ **(E-cigarettes),** for the purposes of this policy, are devices that simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the device, including e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, or vape pens.

POLICY

The University is dedicated to providing a healthy environment for those who participate in University activities. In support of this goal, the University prohibits the use of products that contain tobacco or nicotine, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, **ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS ("E-CIGARETTES")**, bidis, kreteks, hookahs, water pipes, and all

forms of smokeless tobacco. Littering campus with remains of tobacco or smoking-related products also is prohibited.

Exceptions

Smoking Cessation Products and Electronic Cigarettes. Smoking cessation products, such as nicotine patches, nasal sprays that contain nicotine, and nicotine gums are permitted. ~~"E-cigarettes" are not prohibited on campus but may not be used in campus buildings, athletic facilities, University vehicles, or parking garages, with the exception of in one's own personal vehicle. E-cigarette use is prohibited within 25 feet of building entrances, exits, and fresh air intake grills.~~

Controlled Research. Tobacco use may be permitted for controlled research with prior approval of the administrator responsible for the facility and, in the case of smoking, the University Fire Marshal. Smoke generated from research use or burning of tobacco will be controlled locally in a chemical hood or other exhaust system that provides 100% exhaust to the outside.

Educational Purposes. Tobacco may be used in classroom instruction/experiments. All educational purpose exceptions must be approved in advance by the Provost or the Provost's designee.

Other Permitted Uses

Smoking and/or tobacco may be permitted for traditional, cultural, or religious uses, provided that such uses have been approved in advance by the Provost or the Provost's designee.

COMPLIANCE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All University employees, students, visitors, guests, and contractors are required to comply with this policy. Organizers of public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social events, and cultural events using campus facilities will be mindful of this Policy and encourage compliance.

University students, faculty, and staff who encounter someone who is violating this policy are encouraged to respectfully inform that individual about the policy and encourage compliance.

Concerns regarding violations of the policy should be referred to the appropriate unit for review and action:

- Students will be referred to the appropriate college student affairs representative for educational resources with an emphasis on cessation.
- Employees, affiliates, associates, and volunteers will be referred to their respective supervisors for appropriate action.
- Contractors will be referred to their respective employers and/or Procurement and Contracting Services for appropriate action.
- Visitors and guests may be required to leave the campus if they fail to conform to the policy.

The success of this policy depends on the entire campus community and its members being willing to hold one another accountable. Whenever possible, concerns about tobacco and nicotine use should be respectfully addressed at the time such concerns arise. Individuals who are considering disciplinary action against an employee or student for violating this policy should consult with Human Resources or Student Affairs.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS*

Are there still smoking areas on campus?

No, the entire UA campus is smoking and tobacco free ~~as of August 25, 2014~~. This includes the Main Campus, **UNIVERSITY OF** Arizona Health Sciences **CAMPUS** [in TUCSON](#), UA South, and the Phoenix Biomedical Campus. Smoking is permitted only in private vehicles.

Can I be disciplined for smoking on campus?

Yes. Repeated violations of the Smoking and Tobacco Policy could result in disciplinary action.

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