

UNIVERSITY RULE

34.05.99.M1 **Smoking and Tobacco Use**

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Rule Statement

Texas A&M University has a vital interest in maintaining a healthy and safe environment for its students, faculty, staff and visitors. This rule identifies university property where smoking and tobacco use is restricted.

Definitions

Smoking and Tobacco: All forms of smoking and tobacco products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, Dokha, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and electronic cigarettes (includes vapors, personal vaporizers, tanks and other).

University Property: Property located in the state of Texas that is owned, operated, leased, occupied or under the administrative control of the President of Texas A&M University or jointly controlled with Qatar Foundation. For purposes of this rule, this includes but is not limited to all grounds, buildings and structures, sidewalks, parking lots, walkways, and all vehicles owned, leased or rented by Texas A&M University.

Official Rule

1. REQUIREMENTS

- 1.1 **Buildings and Vehicles.** All buildings, entrances to buildings, and vehicles, owned or leased under the administrative purview of the President of Texas A&M University will be entirely smoking and tobacco-use free. This rule will apply to all indoor air space including foyers, entryways and classrooms, individual faculty and administrative offices, and sidewalks, parking lots, walkways, attached parking structures immediately adjacent to all such buildings and structures, and Texas A&M University at Qatar open courtyards.

- 1.2 Eating areas. Eating areas (dining halls, cafeterias, food courts, snack bars) will be smoking and tobacco-use free.
- 1.3 Housing and athletic facilities. Texas A&M University owned and leased housing (apartments, residence halls and houses), and all indoor air space of University owned athletic facilities and outdoor public seating areas in athletic arenas will be smoking and tobacco-use free with the exception of smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco when disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- 1.4 Smoking and tobacco use is generally prohibited within at least 25 feet of buildings and/or is limited to designated areas outside of 25 feet from the building.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 It is the responsibility of all members of the campus community, including visitors, to observe these requirements. This rule relies on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of smokers and tobacco-users for its success. Those violating this rule should be reminded of this rule and asked to comply.
- 2.2 Department heads or others with purview over facilities shall ensure that the rule is communicated to everyone who occupies space in the facility.
- 2.3 Violations of this rule may result in corrective action as prescribed by system policies and regulation and university rules and standard administrative procedures. Visitors refusing to comply may be asked to leave campus.

3. SMOKING AND TOBACCO CESSATION PROGRAMS

Texas A&M University is committed to supporting all students and employees who wish to stop using tobacco products. Information on tobacco and smoking are provided through links at <http://employees.tamu.edu/benefits/insurance/tobacco> and through the Student Counseling Service at <http://www.scs.tamu.edu/>.

4. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON

Smoking and tobacco use is strictly limited to designated areas around the campus that are clearly marked for smoking and tobacco use.

5. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER (TAMHSC)

All smoking and/or tobacco use is prohibited on any TAMHSC campus and/or in any TAMHSC building including but not limited to the Reynolds Medical Building in College Station and School of Public Health A, B & C buildings.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

Supplements [System policy 34.05, Smoking](#)

Texas Penal Code § 48.01. *Smoking Tobacco*

Texas Labor Code § 411.103. *Duty of Employer to Provide Safe Workplace*

28 Texas Administrative Code § 34.303, *Adopted Standards* (Adopts by rule applicable chapters of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code 101 (2006 Edition))

25 Texas Administrative Code, § Section 703.20

Texas Administrative Code, Title 25. Health Services, Part 11, Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT), Chapter 703, Grants for Cancer Prevention and Research, Section 703.20

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