

UNIVERSITY RULE

34.05.99.M1 **Smoking and Tobacco Use**

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Rule Statement

Texas A&M University prohibits smoking and use of all forms of tobacco on University Property. The University has a vital interest in maintaining a healthy and safe environment for its students, faculty, staff and visitors.

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, cigars, pipes 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 property 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. GENERAL

- 1.1 Effective January 1, 2020, smoking and all forms of tobacco use are prohibited on University Property.

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 <https://livingwell.tamu.edu/tobacco-cessation/> and through the Health Promotion at <https://studentlife.tamu.edu/hp/topics/drugs/>.

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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