

34.05.99.K1 Smoke-Free Environment



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Rule Statement

In order to ensure a safe, healthy, and pleasant work, educational and living environment, Texas A&M University-Kingsville maintains rules and guidelines which limit smoking on all university owned or leased property.

Reason for Rule

This rule is required by System Policy 34.05, *Smoking*.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

1.1 Areas in which smoking is prohibited (except as noted in this rule):

Smoking (including e-cigarettes and all vaporizing devices) is prohibited in all posted "No Smoking" areas and in all university-owned buildings, athletic stadium seating areas, retail service areas, and all vehicles owned or leased by Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

1.2 Areas and Circumstances in which smoking is permitted:

1.2.1 On university property, smoking is permitted in open-air areas outside of buildings at a distance of at least 20 feet from any entrance door or window so that secondhand smoke will not interfere with the occupants of the buildings or individuals entering and exiting the buildings.

1.2.2 University student artists or actors who participate in authorized performances will be allowed to smoke as part of an artistic production provided that appropriate disposal receptacles and smoke filtration units are available and the audience is informed prior to the performance.

- 1.2.3 If approved by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, smoking is permitted by participants in academic research projects involving smoking provided that it is conducted in a designated area and informational signs are posted indicating the presence of tobacco smoke. The Principal Investigator must have a smoke filtration unit operating during the smoking event.

2. COMPLIANCE AND FIRE SAFETY

- 2.1 This rule relies on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and non-smokers for its success. It is the responsibility of all members of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville community to observe the provisions and comply with the spirit and intent of this rule.
- 2.2 It is expected that smokers will utilize proper receptacles to contain the ignited tobacco and will properly discard all smoking materials in a manner as to prevent fires.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[System Regulation 34.05, Smoking](#)

[Texas Penal Code, Sec. 48.01, Smoking Tobacco](#)

[Texas Labor Code, Sec 411.103 Duty of Employer to Provide Safe Workplace](#)

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