

34.05.99.K1 Tobacco Free Environment



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Rule Summary

In order to ensure a safe, healthy, and pleasant work, educational and living environment, Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) maintains rules and guidelines that limit tobacco use on all university owned, operated or leased property. This rule establishes guidance for the use of tobacco and e-cigarette/vaping products on university property.

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

Definitions

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Rule

1. SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

1.1 Areas in which smoking is prohibited:

- 1.1.1 Smoking (the use or carrying of a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, tobacco, e-cigarette, and any other type of nicotine delivery system or smoking substance) is prohibited on campus.
- 1.1.2 The use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, all forms of smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco, snuff, dip, or any other product that contains tobacco), and any other smoking devices that use tobacco such as e-cigarette is also specifically prohibited on any TAMUK property.
- 1.1.3 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.

1.1.4 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. SMOKING AND TOBACCO CESSATION PROGRAMS

TAMUK is committed to supporting faculty and staff who wish to stop using tobacco and nicotine products. Information on tobacco, nicotine and smoking, including the smoking cessation program, is provided through the following link:

<https://www.tamuk.edu/finance/hr/benefits/eap.html>

3. EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions to this rule may be permitted by the President for specific activities and locations to carry out the goals and objectives of the university.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[System Regulation 34.05, Smoking](#)

[Tex. Penal Code § 48.01. Smoking Tobacco](#)

[Tex. Lab. Code § 411.103. Duty of Employer to Provide Safe Workplace](#)

[Title 28 Tex. Admin. Code Ch 34 State Fire Marshal, § 34.303 Adopted Standards \(Adopts by rule applicable chapters of the National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\) Life Safety Code 101 \(2006 Edition\)\)](#)

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