

POLICY TITLE: Smoking and Tobacco Policy

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# I. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

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 property and in its vehicles. This Policy supersedes any other policy of the University on the same subject. The Policy applies to University campuses, which include, without limitation, University-owned, -leased, or -operated property, facilities, and parking structures, University-owned vehicles, and property for which the University is responsible. This Policy applies to students, employees, affiliates, associates, contractors, volunteers, and visitors.

#### **II. 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 tobacco or nicotine-containing products<sup>1</sup> on its property and in its vehicles. Littering campus with remains of tobacco or smoking-related products also is prohibited.

# **III. EXCEPTIONS**

# **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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For purposes of this Policy, prohibited products include any product that contains tobacco or nicotine, including but not limited to any lighted or unlighted cigarette, e-cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, kretek, hookah or water pipe, and all forms of smokeless tobacco. This Policy does not apply to nicotine patches, nasal sprays or nicotine gum.

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#### **Artistic or Educational Purposes**

Tobacco may be used in classroom instruction/experiments or for artistic purposes. All artistic or educational purposes exceptions must be approved in advance by the Provost or the Provost's designee.

#### **Other Exceptions**

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.

# **IV. COMPLIANCE**

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 representative for educational resources.

• 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 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.

The University will not discriminate or retaliate against anyone who makes a complaint about a violation of this Policy or who furnishes information concerning a violation of this Policy.

Reference: A.R.S. § 36-601.01, as amended