

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY RULE**



34.05.99.P1 Smoking

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Rule Statement

Smoking poses a significant health risk to smokers and non-smokers. Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) restricts smoking inside any university building or university owned vehicle.

Reason for Rule

In order to ensure a safe, healthy, and pleasant environment, PVAMU maintains rules and guidelines that prohibit smoking inside any building or vehicle owned or leased by the university.

Official Procedures and Responsibilities

1. AREAS IN WHICH SMOKING IS PROHIBITED

- 1.1 In accordance with the Texas A&M University System Chancellor's directive, e-cigarettes or similar nicotine delivery devices ("vaping") are explicitly prohibited on all property owned, leased or controlled by PVAMU.
- 1.2 Smoking is prohibited in all university owned buildings, athletic stadium seating areas, retail service areas and all vehicles including but not limited to golf carts and utility vehicles owned or leased by PVAMU.
- 1.3 Under the rules and regulations published and distributed to all occupants of American Campus Communities housing units, smoking is prohibited. This includes any public area, e.g. walkways, courtyards, lounges, laundry rooms, etc.

**2. AREAS AND CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH SMOKING IS PERMITTED
(Except as stated in Sec 1.1)**

- 2.1 On university property, smoking is permitted in all university parking lots at a distance of at least 100 feet from any entrance door or window so that second-hand smoke will not interfere with the occupants of the buildings or individuals entering and exiting the buildings.
- 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.

- 2.3 If approved in writing by the Office of the Vice President for Research, Innovation and Sponsored Programs, 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.

3. COMPLIANCE AND FIRE SAFETY

- 3.1 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 PVAMU community to observe the provisions and comply with the spirit and intent of this rule. 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, Regulations and Rules

[System Policy 34.05 Smoking](#)

[Texas Penal Code § 48.01 Smoking Tobacco](#)

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

[Title 28 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 34 State Fire Marshal, §34.303 Adopted Standards](#)

Definitions

Smoking - the use or carrying of a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, tobacco, e-cigarette, or any other type of nicotine delivery device or smoking substance.

University Property - property located in the State of Texas that is owned, operated, leased, and occupied or under the administrative control of the President of Prairie View A&M University. 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 Prairie View A&M University.

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