

**Policy Title: Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free Campus**

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## **Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free Campus BU-PP 040**

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### **Policy Statement**

Baylor University (“Baylor” or the “University”) prohibits smoking and the use of all tobacco products (including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, and other tobacco products) and nicotine substances not approved or cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as smoking cessation products by students, faculty, staff, and visitors on all University owned, operated, leased, occupied, or controlled property. The University prohibits any advertising, sale, or free sampling of tobacco or smoking products on Baylor property. Littering the campus with the remains of tobacco or smoking products or any other related waste product is prohibited.

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### **Reason for the Policy**

Baylor University is concerned with the health of all individuals in the Baylor community. A tobacco-free, smoke-free campus not only improves the health of our constituents, but it also maintains our commitment to fostering a caring community at Baylor.

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### **Individuals/Entities Affected by this Policy**

All members of the University community including faculty, staff, students, contractors, and visitors.

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### **Exclusions**

Narrowly defined exceptions allow for tobacco use in sponsored research projects, in educational or clinical instruction, and for artistic performance in a University-sponsored event. Approval for these exceptions may be granted by the Health Committee.

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## Related Documents and Forms

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### University Policies and Documents

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[Student Conduct Code](#)

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### Other Documents

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Cancer Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT), <https://www.cprit.state.tx.us>: As a premier research institution, funding is vital to the core mission of our University and is only awarded to grant recipients that have established tobacco-free policies.

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## Definitions

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These definitions apply to terms as they are used in this policy.

<b>Tobacco</b>	For the purposes of this policy, tobacco is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette (clove, bidis, kreteks), Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) commonly known as vapes or e-cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, hookah products; and any other smoking product; and any smokeless, spit or spitless, dissolvable, or inhaled tobacco products, including but not limited to dip, chew, snuff, or snus, in any form (orbs, sticks, strips, pellet, etc.) as well as nicotine substances not approved or cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as smoking cessation products (nicotine pouches).
<b>Smoke</b>	By-product intended for inhalation by using any form of cigarette, cigar, e-cigarette, water pipe, hookah, e-hookah, bidis, kreteks, or vaping.
<b>Baylor property</b>	Any property owned, operated, leased, occupied, or controlled by Baylor University. For purposes of this policy, it includes all Baylor property, wherever located, including but not limited to all buildings and structures, athletics complexes or stadiums, green spaces, sidewalks, parking lots, walkways, attached parking structures, and University-owned vehicles.

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## Contacts

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Subject	Contact	Telephone	Office email/web site
<b>Compliance and Administration</b>	Human Resources	254-710-2000	<a href="https://hr.web.baylor.edu">https://hr.web.baylor.edu</a>
<b>Exception Approval</b>	Health Committee	254-710-1314	<a href="https://studentlife.web.baylor.edu">https://studentlife.web.baylor.edu</a>
<b>Legal Counsel</b>	Office of General Counsel	254-710-3821	<a href="https://ogc.web.baylor.edu">https://ogc.web.baylor.edu</a>
<b>Questions</b>	Wellness	254-710-7092	<a href="https://wellness.web.baylor.edu">https://wellness.web.baylor.edu</a>

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## Responsibilities

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<b>Health Committee</b>	Administer this policy and grant any approved exceptions
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<b>Human Resources</b>	Investigate compliance issues for employees, contractors, and volunteers
<b>Student Conduct Administration</b>	Investigate compliance issues for students

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## Principles

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Because of the desire to protect the health and lives of everyone in the Baylor community, smoking and the use of all tobacco products are banned on all Baylor property.

The sale of tobacco products or tobacco-related merchandise (including items that display tobacco company logos) is prohibited in and on all Baylor property and at all University-sponsored events, regardless of the vendor.

The free distribution or sampling of tobacco products and associated products is prohibited on all Baylor-owned or leased property and at University-sponsored events, regardless of the venue.

Tobacco industry and related company sponsorship of campus events, including athletic events and athletes, is prohibited.

Baylor University does not accept any direct or indirect funding, gifts or anything else of value from tobacco companies.

Campus officials, staff, or other persons representing the University including, University organizations, shall not accept money or gifts or enter into any arrangement, association, or partnership with representatives of tobacco companies, including:

- a. Sponsorship of campus events by organizations that promote tobacco use and/or allowing them to distribute free, reduced price or fully priced tobacco products (shirts, hats, etc.) on campus.
- b. All tobacco advertising, such as billboards and signs in sports stadiums owned and operated by Baylor University.

Companies that manufacture or sell tobacco products are excluded from participating in campus career fairs or other vocational or recruitment activities.

All tobacco promotion, advertising, marketing and distribution are prohibited in and on Baylor University campus property including University-run publications and athletic facilities owned or operated by Baylor University.

Baylor University shall divest itself of all tobacco industry investments and in the future shall not invest any University funds in any tobacco-related business.

Baylor University will provide cessation resources information, including the Quitline number 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

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## **Application**

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Baylor's Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free policy applies to all buildings and properties owned and/or managed by the University. This includes all Baylor-affiliated buildings, structures, housing facilities, parking lots, green spaces, sidewalks, walkways, attached parking structures, and University-owned vehicles. The policy applies to all University residence halls and apartments owned, operated, leased, occupied, or controlled by the University.

There are no designated smoking or tobacco use areas on Baylor property.

Baylor University has both University and city streets running through campus. The use of tobacco products and smoking is prohibited on all University owned or controlled streets and sidewalks. The Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free policy does not apply to city streets or sidewalks that are not owned or controlled by Baylor.

Events or activities scheduled off Baylor property are bound by the policies or rules of the event coordinator or property manager.

Organizers and attendees at public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social events, cultural events, campus visits, admissions events or tours, and sporting events using University facilities are required to abide by the Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free policy. Organizers of such events are responsible for communicating the policy to attendees.

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## **Enforcement**

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For students and employees, the University expects cooperation with a policy that directly supports our ongoing research endeavors and other University initiatives. Faculty, staff, and students should report violations of this policy through one of the University's [reporting systems](#). The University will evaluate reports of repeated concerns and implement actions for resolution. Enforcement is not our first priority, however, if

necessary, staff members in Student Conduct Administration will meet with students; deans and department chairs will meet with faculty, and Human Resources will meet with staff who do not choose to abide by the guidelines set forth in this policy.