

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



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Smoking

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Rule Statement

Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) has a vital interest in maintaining a healthy and safe environment for its students, faculty, staff, and visitors while respecting individual choice. As such, it is the position of PVAMU to restrict smoking and tobacco use and prohibit all forms of vaping (e.g., e-cigarettes, e-cigars, etc.) within and surrounding its facilities in a manner that protects the health of students, faculty, staff, and visitors and minimizes air quality concerns related to its facilities.

This rule is required by and adopted as a supplement to The Texas A&M University System (System) Policy [34.05, Smoking](#), and establishes provisions for the restriction of smoking and tobacco use and the prohibition of vaping on all PVAMU campuses.

Rule

1. AREAS IN WHICH SMOKING IS PROHIBITED

- 1.1 Smoking and all forms of tobacco use are prohibited in all facilities, buildings, and vehicles (including golf carts and utility vehicles) owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by PVAMU. This includes, but is not limited to, all foyers, entryways, classrooms, restrooms, offices, retail service areas, and indoor and outdoor athletic facilities, including grandstands for outdoor facilities.
- 1.2 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

- 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. Smoking and tobacco use are limited to these designated areas.
- 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. PROHIBITION OF VAPING

Vaping and the use of electronic cigarettes have been associated with serious illness and deadly lung disease. In seeking to protect the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, and visitors, the System has banned all forms of vaping (e.g., e-cigarettes, e-cigars, etc.) on all System campuses, which includes all PVAMU facilities and parking lots.

4. FIRE SAFETY

Smokers must utilize proper receptacles to contain ignited tobacco and will properly discard all smoking materials in a manner that prevents fires.

5. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

- 5.1 It is the responsibility of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to observe the provisions and comply with the spirit and intent of this rule, whether or not signs are posted. This rule relies on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of the entire campus community for its success.
- 5.2 Courtesy and consideration will be exercised when informing individuals about violating this rule. No person will be retaliated against for informing others of the rule, asking others to comply with the rule, or filing a complaint against an individual for violating the rule.
- 5.3 Violations of this rule could result in administrative and/or disciplinary sanctions and/or fines as prescribed by system policies and regulations, and university rules and administrative procedures. Visitors refusing to comply could be asked to leave.
- 5.4 A complaint against an individual who fails to comply with this rule may be referred to the appropriate office. Complaints against students may be filed with the Office of the Dean of Students. Complaints against faculty may be filed with the Office of Faculty Affairs. Complaints against staff may be filed with the Office of Human Resources. Complaints against vendors or visitors may be filed with the Office of Risk Management & Safety.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[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 \(Adopts by rule applicable chapters of the National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\) Life Safety Code 101 \(2006 Edition\)\)](#)

Definitions

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

Tobacco - All forms of tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, and chewing tobacco. This term includes any device that could be used to facilitate the smoking of a tobacco product.

Vaping - The action or practice of inhaling and exhaling vapor containing nicotine, other drugs, or flavoring produced by a device (such as an e-cigarette) designed for this purpose.

University Property or Facility – All interior and exterior space owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by PVAMU. For purposes of this rule, this includes, but is not limited, to all enclosed or partially enclosed areas such as walkways, breezeways, sidewalks, parking lots, and parking structures (whether attached or unattached), grounds, buildings and structures, indoor and outdoor athletic facilities to include grandstands of outdoor facilities, and all vehicles owned, leased, rented or otherwise controlled by PVAMU.

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