

Tobacco Use Policy

Policy:

Texas Lutheran University recognizes its social responsibility to promote the health, well-being, and safety of TLU students, faculty, staff and visitors. For this reason, TLU has adopted a tobacco use policy. Smoking and the use of tobacco or tobacco products will be prohibited in and on all University-Owned and leased property to include buildings, grounds, athletic fields and facilities, resident and housing areas, green space, sidewalks and walkways (with exceptions delineated below).

TLU also supports the NCAA tobacco rules prohibiting the use of any tobacco product by all game personnel* and all student-athletes** during practice and competition. .Sale, distribution, marketing, promotion and/or advertisement of tobacco products prohibited on campus.

Definitions:

Tobacco – Any lighted or unlighted cigarette (clove, bidis, kreteks), e-cigarettes (electronic nicotine delivery systems), cigars, cigarillos, pipes, hookahs; and any smokeless, spit or spitless, dissolvable, or inhaled tobacco products, including but not limited to dip, chew, snuff or snus.

University Owned and Leased Property-real estate, land, buildings, facilities and green space that the University has a legal title of ownership, a contract to use, a lease to occupy, or a right to exercise control over in order to conduct University business, including all University owned vehicles.

Exceptions:

Smoking and tobacco use will be allowed inside of one's personal vehicle, in parking lots, and in non-student rental housing as long as the student is 21 years or older (see below).***

Enforcement:

It is the shared responsibility of all members of the campus community to respect and abide by this University policy.

Signage:

No Smoking/No Tobacco Use signs will be posted at the entrances to all University owned/leased properties.

Cessation Support: Quitline # 1-800-QUIT-NOW for free cessation resources and counseling.

* NCAA Bylaw 11.1.5 Use of Tobacco Products

The use of tobacco products is prohibited by all game personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, managers and game officials) in all sports during practice and competition.

** NCAA Bylaw 17.1.8 Use of Tobacco Products

The use of tobacco products by a student-athlete is prohibited during practice and competition. A student-athlete who uses tobacco during a practice or competition shall be disqualified for the remainder of that practice or competition.

*** A person must be 21 years or older to possess, purchase, consume, or accept any cigarette product (including e-cigarettes). Texas Health & Safety Code 161.252.