

# Rule 34.05.99.T1 Smoking and Tobacco Use



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## Rule Statement

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Tarleton State University (Tarleton) has a vital interest in maintaining a healthy and safe environment for its students, faculty, staff, and visitors. This rule is required by and adopted as a supplement to The Texas A&M University System (system) Policy 34.05, *Smoking*, and establishes the restriction of smoking and use of tobacco products on Tarleton property.

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## Definitions

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**Smoking** is defined by [System Policy 34.05, \*Smoking\*](#).

**Tobacco** all forms of tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, 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 Tarleton. 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, personal vehicles while on campus, and all vehicles owned, leased, rented or otherwise controlled by Tarleton.

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## Procedures and Responsibilities

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### 1. REQUIREMENT

- 1.1 Smoking, vaping, and the use of tobacco products and electronic devices that could be used to facilitate the smoking of a tobacco product are prohibited on university property as defined in this rule.

## 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 It is the responsibility of all employees, students, vendors, and visitors to observe these requirements whether or not signs are posted. This rule relies on the professionalism, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and tobacco-users for its success.
- 2.2 Courtesy and consideration will be exercised when informing individuals violating this rule. No person will be retaliated against for informing others of the policy, asking others to comply with the rule, or filing a complaint against an individual for violating the rule.
- 2.3 Violations of this rule may result in administrative and disciplinary sanctions and/or fines as prescribed by system policies and regulation and university rules and procedures. Visitors refusing to comply may be asked to leave
- 2.4 A complaint against an individual who fails to comply with the rule may be referred to the appropriate office. Complaints against students may be filed with the [Dean of Students Administrative Office](#). Complaints against employees may be filed with [Human Resources](#). Complaints against vendors or visitors may be filed with [Risk Management and Safety](#).

## 3. MISCELLANEOUS

- 3.1 Tarleton is committed to supporting all students and employees who wish to stop using tobacco products. Students may contact [Health Services](#) and/or the [Student Counseling Center](#) and employees may contact [Human Resources](#) regarding available resources.
- 3.2 No tobacco advertising or sponsorship shall be permitted on university property, at university sponsored events, or in publications produced by the university with the exception of advertising in a newspaper or magazine that is not produced by the university and which is lawfully sold, bought or distributed on university property.
- 3.3 No tobacco products or devices shall be sold or distributed as samples on university property.
- 3.4 Organizers and attendees of public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social events, cultural events and sporting events using university facilities will be required to abide by this rule. Organizers of such events are responsible for communicating the rule to attendees and for enforcing the rule.

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## Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

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[Tex. Penal Code § 48.01. Smoking Tobacco](#)

[Tex. Lab. Code § 411.103. Duty of Employer to Provide Safe Workplace](#)

[Title 28 Tex. Admin. Code Ch 34 State Fire Marshal, § 34.303 Adopted Standards \(Adopts by rule applicable chapters of the National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\) Life Safety Code 101 \(2006 Edition\)\)](#)

[System Policy 34.05, Smoking](#)

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