

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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Scope of Policy and Rationale:

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. It causes cancer, heart disease, stroke, lung diseases, diabetes, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), which includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis. For every person who dies because of smoking, many more live with a serious smoking-related illness resulting in increased costs for health care and a decreased quality of living for the individual. The dangers are also real for non-smokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke. To protect individuals from passive and active tobacco smoke, the American College Health Association supports a 100% tobacco-free policy at all universities and colleges.

In view of these and similar findings, Temple University has adopted the following policy to protect the health and well-being of the entire Temple University community. By prohibiting the use of all tobacco products on all U.S. campuses and all U.S. Temple properties, the university encourages a healthier, more productive living/learning environment for all members of the Temple community.

Policy Statement

I. General Policy Statement on Tobacco Free Campus

- A. Temple University is committed to providing a tobacco-free environment for the entire Temple community. All U.S. university properties are designated as tobacco-free, including the use of all combustible tobacco, electronic smoking devices and smokeless tobacco products, as defined in this policy.
- B. In addition, all indoor and outdoor university-sponsored activities taking place in facilities not owned or operated by Temple University will be tobacco-free in those areas under the university's control.

II. Definitions

- A. Smoking includes the burning of any type of pipe, cigar, cigarette, cigarillo, or any other smoking equipment, whether filled with tobacco of any other material.
- B. Tobacco is defined as all tobacco-derived or tobacco-containing products, including but not limited to cigarettes (e.g., clove, bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, cigars and cigarillos), hookah smoked products, pipes and oral tobacco (e.g., spit and spitless, smokeless, chew, snuff) and nasal tobacco. It also includes any product intended to mimic tobacco products, contain tobacco flavoring, or deliver nicotine. Products approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, when used for cessation, are not considered tobacco under this policy; use of electronic cigarettes is not considered a means of cessation.

III. All Tobacco Use Prohibited on Campus

- A. The tobacco-free campus policy applies to all U.S. Temple University facilities, properties, and vehicles, owned or leased in the U.S., regardless of location. Smoking and the use of tobacco shall not be permitted on U.S. campuses including, but not limited to, offices, classrooms, hallways, waiting rooms, restrooms, meeting rooms, common areas, performance venues, and residential space within Temple University housing. Tobacco use is also prohibited in all Temple vehicles (owned or leased in the U.S.), regardless of location.
- B. The use of tobacco is also prohibited outdoors on all U.S. Temple University campus property, including, but not limited to, parking lots, loading docks, covered entrances, paths, fields, sports/recreational facilities, stadiums, walkways and plazas. Where Temple buildings are adjacent to public sidewalks or streets, smoking and the use of tobacco products is prohibited on those public sidewalks and streets within twenty (20) feet of the entrance to the building.
- C. The use of tobacco or other tobacco products for research in specifically designated labs designed for such purposes is expressly excepted from this policy.
- D. This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and other persons on campus.

IV. Promotion and Sale of Tobacco Products Prohibited on Campus

- A. Temple University will not permit the inclusion of any tobacco-related advertising in any Temple-produced publications, marketing or social media, subject to constitutional limitations.
- B. No tobacco-related advertising or sponsorship shall be permitted on Temple University property or at Temple-sponsored events, with the exception of advertising in a newspaper or magazine that is not produced by Temple and which is lawfully sold, bought, or distributed on Temple property.
- C. To the greatest extent possible, no tobacco or tobacco paraphernalia will be sold or distributed on Temple University property. The University will work with tenants and vendors to phase in this requirement, acknowledging existing contractual commitments.

V. Implementation and Enforcement of Policy

- A. All university students, faculty, administrators, staff and visitors are responsible for cooperating to achieve the goal of this policy.
- B. Tobacco use by students on all university property is a violation under the Student Conduct Code. Violation of this policy will be handled in accordance with the code.
- C. Violations of this policy by residential students in university housing facilities will be addressed by the residential judicial system.
- D. Tobacco use by employees on all university property is prohibited. This policy will be enforced in accordance with rules and regulations in the Employee Manual.

Notes

1. Dates of official enactment and amendments:

Approved by the President in Cabinet on May 22, 1990. Effective on July 1, 1990.
Amended by the President on March 11, 2003, August 26, 2003, April 1, 2010, and July 1, 2019.

2. History:

The March 11, 2003, amendment deleted Section II I.2 and II I.3 referring to the President's Committee on Smoking Policy Implementation and the Fresh Start Smoking Cessation program, both of which were no longer in existence. The amendment also deleted the entire second paragraph of Section IV.2, thereby all owing policy violations by students living in university housing facilities to be handled by the residential judicial system, with no further instruction provided by the policy. The same amendment also amended Section V.2 to provide that any university property leased to another person or entity may provide in the lease for exceptions to the policy as permitted by law, deleted Section V.3 and V.4 (all psychiatric units are now part of the Temple University Health System and are not covered by Temple University policy), and added Section VII.

The August 26, 2003, amendment added the provision prohibiting smoking within 25 feet of entrances, exits and operable windows.

The April 1, 2010 amendment updated the language and removed outdated provisions, including limited exceptions.

The July 2019 amendment revised the policy in light of the work of the University's Smokefree Campus Task Force and the resulting determination to become a tobacco-free campus.

3. Cross References/Appendix:

None