

## 34.05.99.D1 Smoking and Tobacco Use



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### Rule Summary

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In parallel to The Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M University-Central Texas (A&M-Central Texas) has a vital interest in maintaining a healthy and safe environment for its students, faculty, staff, and visitors while respecting individual choice. As such, A&M-Central Texas restricts smoking and the use of tobacco products on institutional property in such a manner as to maintain a healthy and safe environment for its students, employees, vendors, and visitors.

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### Rule

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#### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 All University facilities, buildings, and vehicles, regardless of location or ownership, must be entirely smoke-free and tobacco free. This includes all foyers, entryways, classrooms, restrooms, and offices.
- 1.2 Use of e-cigarettes or similar nicotine delivery devices (“vaping”) on all property controlled by A&M – Central Texas is prohibited.

#### 2. IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

- 2.1 “No Smoking” signs will be prominently displayed in all buildings and vehicles covered by this rule.
- 2.2 It is the responsibility of all members of the campus community, including visitors, to observe these requirements. The effectiveness of this rule depends on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and non-smokers. Each member of the university community is responsible for ensuring compliance.
- 2.3 Designated smoking areas will be determined by the Vice President for Finance and Administration. Such areas are to be outside, where ventilation minimizes the effect of the smoke as much as possible; may be officially designated as such by appropriate signs; must contain ashtrays or other receptacles for extinguishing smoking materials; and 50 feet away from entryways to avoid smoke being drawn into a campus building or facility.

- 2.4 A&M-Central Texas is not required to incur any expense, or make structural or other physical modifications, to accommodate the preferences of non-smokers or smokers/smokeless tobacco users. Supervisors are responsible to ensure that time permitted for rest periods/breaks are applied consistently for smokers/smokeless tobacco users and non-smokers.
- 2.5 If an individual (student, employee, vendor, or visitor) feels that there has been a violation of this Rule, the violation may be reported to the A&M-Central Texas Safety & Risk Management Office, the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of Human Resources, or, if the individual is an employee, the immediate supervisor or department head. It is expected that smokers and those using smokeless tobacco products will voluntarily comply with both the spirit and the intent of this rule statement.
- 2.6 Violations of this rule may result in corrective action as prescribed by system policies and regulation and university rules and procedures. Visitors refusing to comply may be asked to leave campus.

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## **Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements**

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System Policy [34.05 Smoking](#)

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