

Rule 34.05.99.T1 Smoking and Tobacco Use



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Rule Statement

Tarleton State University (Tarleton) has a vital interest in maintaining a healthy and safe environment for its students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Reason for Rule

This rule establishes guidelines governing smoking and the use of tobacco products on Tarleton property and identifies university property where smoking and tobacco use is restricted.

Definitions

Smoking shall have the meaning specified in [System Policy 34.05, Smoking](#).

Tobacco means 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.

University Property means property located in the state of Texas that is owned, operated, leased, occupied or under the administrative control of the Tarleton's president. For purposes of this rule, this includes but is not limited to all grounds, buildings and structures, sidewalks, parking lots, walkways, and all vehicles owned, leased or rented by Tarleton.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. REQUIREMENTS

- 1.1 Housing and athletic facilities. Tarleton owned and leased housing (apartments, residence halls), and all indoor air space of university owned athletic facilities and outdoor public seating areas in athletic arenas will be smoke-free.
- 1.2 Eating areas. Eating areas (dining halls, cafeterias, food courts, snack bars) will be smoke-free and tobacco-free.
- 1.3 Buildings and Vehicles. Where possible, the building exterior within fifty (50) feet of all entrances to buildings, and vehicles, owned or leased under the administrative purview of the Tarleton's president, will be entirely smoke-free and tobacco-free. This rule will apply to all indoor air space including foyers, entryways and classrooms, individual faculty and administrative offices, and sidewalks, parking lots, walkways, and attached parking structures located immediately adjacent to such buildings and structures.
- 1.4 On approval of the president, the smoking and tobacco restrictions described in this rule may be expanded to include all university property in order to establish a tobacco-free campus.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 It is the responsibility of all members of the campus community, including visitors, to observe these requirements. This rule relies on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of smokers and tobacco-users for its success. Those violating this rule should be reminded of this rule and asked to comply.
- 2.2 Department heads or others with purview over facilities shall ensure that the rule is communicated to everyone who occupies space in the facility.
- 2.3 The vice president for finance and administration (VPFA) will provide signage and Transportation Services will provide notice for university vehicles.
- 2.4 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.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

Tarleton is committed to supporting all students and employees who wish to stop using tobacco products. Information on tobacco and smoking are provided through links at <http://www.tarleton.edu/worksitewellness/wellnesslinks.html>.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[System Policy 34.05, *Smoking*](#)

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