

Sam Houston State University
A Member of The Texas State University System

President's Office Policy PRE-19

NONSMOKING POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

In order to promote a healthy, safe, and aesthetically pleasing work, educational, and living environment, smoking will not be permitted in any Sam Houston State University (SHSU) owned or leased buildings or vehicles, indoor facility, or indoor site at SHSU except in areas permitted below. (See Section 1. General Rules, B. Areas and Circumstances in which Smoking is Permitted.)

SCOPE

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, and visitors of Sam Houston State University.

SECTION I. GENERAL RULES

A. PROHIBITED AREAS FOR SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted in any University-owned or leased buildings or vehicles. This includes hallways, classrooms, offices, restrooms, meeting rooms, indoor or open-air athletic facilities (including Bowers Stadium, Baseball/Softball Stadiums and Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum), performance halls, and all other spaces in university-owned or leased buildings or vehicles.

B. AREAS AND CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH SMOKING IS PERMITTED

Smoking areas are permitted outside university facilities provided that these areas are located far enough away from doorways, windows, and ventilation systems to prevent smoke from entering buildings and facilities. In general, this is at least 25 feet from any gate, entryway, arch, doorway, and common path of travel, air intake or open window. (Smokers are reminded that improper disposal of smoking materials is a fire hazard and considered litter.)

Smoking may be permitted under this policy as follows:

- (1) In designated smoking zones away from the seating areas.
- (2) By artists or actors who participate in authorized performances that require smoking as a part of the artistic production.

SECTION II. DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

The Building Liaisons are the responsible authority for each building, facility, and site at the institution.

SECTION III. COMPLIANCE OF POLICY

All members of the university community and visitors to the SHSU campus shall be responsible for compliance with this policy. It is expected that smokers will voluntarily comply with the spirit and intent of this policy.

Approved by Cabinet: 7.18.2005

Reviewed by: Kathy Gilcrease, Assistant to the President
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