

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

President's Office Policy PRE-19

TOBACCO POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

In order to promote a healthy, safe, and aesthetically pleasing work, educational, and living environment, Sam Houston State University (SHSU) will endorse a smoke/vapor free and tobacco free environment. The primary purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines prohibiting smoking and the use of all tobacco and electronic/vaping products. Tobacco/vaping products include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, and all other tobacco or vapor producing products.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, employees of contractors, and visitors of Sam Houston State University on the premises of the university.

SECTION I. GENERAL RULES

A. PROHIBITED AREAS FOR TOBACCO AND ELECTRONIC/VAPING PRODUCTS

Tobacco and electronic/vaping products are not permitted on campus including University-owned or leased buildings or vehicles except as provided below. 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. CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE USE OF TOBACCO AND ELECTRONIC/VAPING PRODUCTS ARE PERMITTED

Tobacco and electronic/vaping products may be permitted under this policy as follows:

- (1) By artists or actors who participate in authorized performances that require tobacco products as a part of the artistic production.
- (2) Participants in academic research projects involving tobacco products are exempt from this tobacco policy if approved by the institutional review board on human subjects and the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.
- (3) At the Raven Nest Golf and Gibbs Ranch facilities.

C. NOTIFICATION

The university will post tobacco-free signs to ensure awareness of the university Tobacco Policy at all appropriate locations.

SECTION II. DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

If the violator refuses to adhere to this policy, the observer should report the violation to the appropriate management official which may include persons such as supervisors, program coordinators, directors, vice presidents, professors, department chairs, deans, residence hall directors, building liaisons, or university police.

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 all individuals will voluntarily comply with the spirit and intent of this policy.

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