Rule Statement

Texas A&M University–Texarkana is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy work and learning environment on all university-owned or leased property.

Reason for Rule

Public health and environmental agencies have found that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke, and that nonsmokers who are exposed at home or work are subjected to a significantly increased risk of developing health related complications. Because of this, the A&M System requires each system member to create a rule which restricts smoking in its facilities.

Procedures and Responsibilities

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1.1. Smoking is not allowed in residence halls, offices, classrooms, the library, inside common areas, enclosed or partially enclosed public areas, doorways, breezeways, entrances, foyers or other high traffic areas.

1.2. All indoor air space of university-owned athletic facilities will be smoke-free. Outdoor public seating areas in athletic arenas and theaters will be smoke-free.

1.3. Smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco in university vehicles is also prohibited.

1.4. Designated smoking areas will be determined by the Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer. Correspondence will be sent annually to all University participants of designated areas.

2. IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

2.1. “No Smoking” signs will be prominently displayed in all buildings and vehicles covered by this rule.
2.2. The effectiveness of this rule depends on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers. Each member of the university community is responsible for ensuring compliance.

2.3. University police personnel are responsible for enforcement of this rule.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Policy 34.05 Smoking
http://tamus.edu/offices/policy/policies/pdf/34-05.pdf

Definitions

Tobacco Use – the use of smokeless tobacco such as chewing tobacco, “dip”, etc.

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