Smoking Policy

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General Description

Policy Summary:

Trinity University is a Tobacco Free Campus committed to a healthy, safe environment and ensuring that no member of the University community, nor any visitor to campus, is required to work, study, or live in an environment where they are subjected to tobacco smoke or the health risks associated with e-cigarettes or vaping devices.

Purpose:

The primary purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the implementation of a policy on the prohibition of tobacco use on the campus of Trinity University.

The use of any tobacco or related product is prohibited on University property. This policy applies to all indoor areas including residence halls and administrative buildings, outdoor areas including playing fields, parking lots, streets and sidewalks, walking trails, vehicles and construction sites.

Scope:

Trinity Faculty, Staff, Students, Guests and on-site Contractors.

Exceptions:

None

Policy Content

Summary

The tobacco prohibition includes but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, water pipes (hookahs), snuff, chewing tobacco, electronic cigarettes (E-cigarettes), vaping devices, and any other products usually identified with or used as an alternative to tobacco use. The use of tobacco products involves the smoking, dipping, chewing, or any other method of ingesting the chemicals contained in tobacco products.

Awareness of the policy to campus constituencies is made through multiple resources, including signs posted throughout campus. The policy will be disseminated to students, faculty and staff, and contractors by various means, including fliers, posters, email, the University's website, and publication in the University policy portals.

The Safety, Security and Health Committee sought the support of the President's office, Faculty Senate, Student Government Association, and University staff. Cooperation in the implementation and enforcement of this policy is essential for a successful Tobacco-Free Campus. We all share the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy. Violations of this policy will be treated in accordance with general campus disciplinary procedures.

Terms & Definitions

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Term:	Definition:
Smoking	Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, hookah, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, whether natural or synthetic, including marijuana/cannabis, in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an electronic smoking device that creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this Article.
Indoor Areas	Areas enclosed by a roof and walls with appropriate openings for ingress and egress. All air-conditioned areas are included, but not partially enclosed areas with free circulation of outside air such as outdoor stairwells and parking garages.

Revision Management

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