

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS OF THE PERMIAN BASIN
OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES
POLICY AND PROCEDURES MEMORANDUM

Smoke Free Policy for Campus Facilities

I. Purpose, Background and Intent

The purpose of this policy is to implement the resolution adopted by The University of Texas Board of Regents on June 6, 1991 regarding tobacco health concerns.

II. Applicability

The Smoke Free Policy is applicable to all members of the University community to include faculty, staff and students. Visitors will be expected to comply with the policy. Smokers are expected to be considerate of non-smokers in the vicinity.

III. Implementation

The date of implementation of this policy is September 1, 1991. The implementation of this policy will include, but is not limited to, updated signage at all campus entrances, proper containers at building entrances for discarding smoking materials, and distribution of this policy.

IV. General Rules for Smoke Free Facilities

To establish the campus as a smoke free work and living environment and to reduce potential health hazards to all members of the University community, smoking is not allowed in any of the facilities or buildings considered to be part of the University campus.

For fire safety and security, smoking is prohibited in the following areas:

- A. Storage areas.
- B. Areas containing hazardous materials such as flammable liquids, toxic chemicals, radioactive materials and biohazards.
- C. Areas containing sensitive equipment and materials such as computer systems, sensitive records, documents and supplies.
- D. Any area in which a fire or safety risk exists.

V. Specific Prohibited Outside Areas

Within the intent of the smoke free policy, there are a few structures that do not meet the definition of a facility and are addressed here:

- A. Vehicles – Smoking is prohibited in University owned vehicles.
- B. Swimming Pool - Smoking
- C. Open Balconies – Smoking is prohibited on all open balconies.

VI. Allowable Smoking Areas

Outside Areas – There will be limited restrictions to smoking outside of campus facilities. Smokers are asked to not congregate at entrances so as to block access to facilities or to smoke within 25 feet of building air intakes and door entrances.