

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

President's Office Policy PRE-19

TOBACCO POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

To promote a healthy, safe, and aesthetically pleasing work, educational, and living environment, Sam Houston State University (SHSU) endorses 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, contractors, 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 University Camp, 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 if approved by the Institutional Review Board and the Provost and Senior Vice President for academic affairs.
- (3) By guests at The Bearkat Course and Gibbs Ranch facilities.

SECTION II. DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

Violations should be reported to an 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.

Repeated violation of the tobacco policy will result in progressive disciplinary action in accordance with established university disciplinary policies.

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.

Reviewed by: McCartney Johnson, Deputy to the President

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