

## 34.05 Smoking

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### Policy Statement

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The Texas A&M University System (system) has a vital interest in maintaining a healthy and safe environment for its students, faculty, staff and visitors while respecting individual choice. Consistent with these concerns, this policy directs each system member to create a rule restricting smoking in its facilities.

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### Reason for Policy

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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.

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### Procedures and Responsibilities

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Each system member chief executive officer shall establish, for each system facility under his or her control, a rule which restricts smoking within such facilities in a manner which protects the health of employees, students and clientele, and shall submit such rule for approval by the chancellor and the Board of Regents.

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### Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

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[Texas Penal Code § 48.01. \*Smoking Tobacco\*](#)

[Texas Lab. Code § 411.103. \*Duty of Employer to Provide Safe Workplace\*](#)

[Title 28 Tex. Admin. Code Ch 34 State Fire Marshal, § 34.303 Adopted Standards \(Adopts by rule applicable chapters of the National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\) Life Safety Code 101 \(2006 Edition\)\)](#)

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## **Definitions**

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Smoking – the use or carrying of a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, tobacco or any other type of smoking substance.

Secondhand smoke, also called Environmental Tobacco Smoke – a mixture of the smoke given off by the burning end of a cigarette, pipe, or cigar, and the smoke exhaled by smokers.

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## **Member Rule Requirements**

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A rule is required to supplement this policy. See **Procedures and Responsibilities** section.

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## **Contact Office**

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