34.05 Smoking

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Policy Statement

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.

Reason for Policy

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.

Procedures and Responsibilities

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.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

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))

Definitions

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.

Member Rule Requirements

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

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