

# 34.05.99.S1 Smoking and Use of Tobacco Products



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## Rule Summary

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The Texas A&M University System Offices (System Offices) has a vital interest in maintaining a healthy and safe environment for its students, staff and visitors. Tobacco usage poses a significant risk to the health of both smokers and nonsmokers. E-cigarettes and vapor-type devices also present a hazard to both the user and physical property. This rule identifies System Offices property where smoking, vapor and tobacco use is restricted.

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## Definitions

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## Rule

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### 1. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 1.1 Smoking will not be permitted in or on facilities administered by System Offices.
- 1.2 Designated cigarette smoking areas may be determined by the director of system risk management. Such areas are to be outside and at least 50 feet from buildings, walkways, and vehicles owned or leased under the administrative purview of System Offices.
- 1.3 Vaping or the use of e-cigarettes is strictly prohibited on all property controlled by System Offices. Vaping will not be permitted within designated cigarette smoking areas.

### 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 It is the responsibility of all personnel within System Offices, including visitors, to observe these requirements. This rule relies on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of smoking tobacco users for its success. Those violating this rule will be reminded of this rule and asked to comply.
- 2.2 Department heads or others with purview over facilities must ensure that the rule is communicated to everyone who occupies space in the facility.

- 2.3 Violations of this rule may result in corrective action as prescribed by system policies and regulations and system rules and procedures. Visitors refusing to comply may be asked to leave the premises.
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## **Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements**

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[System Policy 34.05, Smoking](#)

[Tex. Penal Code § 48.01. Smoking Tobacco](#)

[Tex. 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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