

TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS

POLICY SUMMARY

Northern Arizona University recognizes tobacco use as a public health hazard and prohibits smoking and all other tobacco use on its campuses and in its facilities and vehicles. The goal is to provide a healthy, clean, educationally productive learning, working, and living environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

REASON FOR THIS POLICY

Prohibiting tobacco use helps to protect the health of the University community and the cleanliness of University property and facilities.

ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY

- Housing and Residence Life
- Office of the Dean of Students

WHO SHOULD KNOW THIS POLICY

- All contractors, vendors, affiliates, visitors, or guests to University property or facilities
- All members of the University community including students, faculty, and staff
- Employee supervisors

DEFINITIONS

Smoking: carrying or inhaling smoke or vapor from a lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, hookah pipe, E-cigarette or vaporizer that consumes tobacco or any other plant product or derivative.

E-cigarette: any electronic device designed to produce smoke or vapor by heating or burning tobacco or another plant product or derivative for inhalation.

POLICY

A. Smoking and Tobacco Use Prohibited

Smoking and the use of all tobacco products, including those not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to aid the cessation of smoking, are prohibited in all areas, including in private residential spaces and in all vehicles that are owned, operated, or controlled by Northern Arizona University. Smoking and the use of tobacco products is also prohibited in private vehicles when located on University property.

B. Application and Enforcement

This policy applies to all Northern Arizona University students, faculty, staff, contractors, vendors, affiliates, alumni, volunteers, visitors, or guests. Repeated violations may result in a student conduct referral to Student Rights and Responsibilities or notice to an employee's supervisor. Additionally, smoking within state-owned buildings or vehicles, or where otherwise prohibited, is a violation of Arizona law.

C. Exceptions

Use of tobacco or E-cigarettes may be allowed for educational, research, or theatrical purposes when approved in advance in writing by the college's dean or designee. Tobacco may be used as part of traditional Native American cultural activities with the advance approval of the relevant department head or designee.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Campus visitors and personnel: must know and abide by the no tobacco use on University property mandate.

Deans and department heads: approve in writing use of tobacco or E-cigarettes for educational, research, or theatrical purposes, or for use in traditional Native American cultural activities, in accordance with Section C.

Employee supervisors: enforce the tobacco-free policy in situations involving employees.

Housing and Residence Life: enforces the tobacco-free policy in University housing.

Office of the Dean of Students: enforces the tobacco-free in situations involving students.

PROCEDURES

There are no procedures associated with this policy.

RELATED INFORMATION

Forms or Tools

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Cross-References

[Northern Arizona University Student Code of Conduct](#)

[Northern Arizona University Human Resources Policy 5.04](#)

Sources

[Arizona Revised Statutes §36–601.01\(K\)](#)

[Arizona Revised Statutes §36–601.02](#)

APPENDIX

None.