

POLICY ON TOBACCO, CANNABIS AND VAPING

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Vice-President, Services

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SCOPE

This Policy applies to all University employees, students and visitors within all buildings, vehicles and outdoor premises owned or leased by the University.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to set out the rules regarding tobacco, cannabis and Vaping (as defined below) on campus. This Policy conforms to the [Tobacco Control Act, CQLR, chapter L-6.2](#) and the [Cannabis Regulation Act, CQLR, chapter C-5.3](#) and all other federal, provincial or municipal legislation relating to Smoking and Vaping (as such expressions are defined below), exposure to second-hand smoke, or cannabis possession or consumption as applicable to the University setting.

DEFINITION

For the purposes of this Policy, the following definitions shall apply:

“Smoking” means inhaling and exhaling the smoke of tobacco, cannabis or any other substance, and burning or carrying a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other similar apparatus.

“Vaping” means inhaling and exhaling an aerosol produced by a vaping device, such as an electronic cigarette, containing nicotine, cannabis and/or any other liquids or substances.

POLICY

Cannabis Use

1. Pursuant to the provincial law, the Smoking and Vaping of cannabis is prohibited on campus, including all student residences and Designated Smoking and Vaping Areas (“DSVAs”) as described below.

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2. The growing, distribution, serving, cooking, preparation and production of cannabis is prohibited everywhere on campus.

Tobacco Smoking and Vaping

3. The University provides outdoor [DSVAs](#) for Smoking and Vaping of non-cannabis products in specific locations.
4. DVSAs include waste receptacles. Smokers are required to use the appropriate waste receptacles and to keep these spaces clean.
5. Tobacco Smoking or Vaping is prohibited inside all buildings, in all vehicles and on all outdoor premises owned or leased by the University, except in DSVAs.

Selling and Advertising

6. No tobacco, cannabis or vaping products shall be sold on campus.
7. Advertising of tobacco, cannabis or vaping products on campus or during University-sponsored events off campus is prohibited.

Smoking Cessation Resources

8. In its continuing efforts to promote good health and a smoke-free lifestyle, the University offers, via Health Services, a variety of services to members of the community who wish to stop Smoking, such as one-on-one Smoking cessation counseling. A description of those services is available [here](#). Resources are also available at Health Services for members of the community dealing with a problematic use of cannabis. More information is available [here](#).

Policy Compliance

9. Deans, Directors, Departmental Chairs and all supervisors, including faculty members, shall be responsible for ensuring that those reporting to them are informed of this Policy.

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10. Any member of the community who fails to comply with this Policy may face disciplinary measures under the Code of Rights and Responsibilities, or the relevant collective or employment agreement, which can include a verbal or written warning and/or an obligatory viewing of an online educational video.
11. The Security Department is responsible for addressing any contravention to this Policy.

Policy Responsibility and Review

12. The overall responsibility for the implementation and recommended amendments to this Policy shall rest with the Vice-President, Services.
13. The Vice-President, Services shall report to the Board of Governors of the University every 2 years regarding the application of this Policy. The University will forward such report to the *Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux* within 60 days of filing it with the Board of Governors in accordance with applicable legislation.