

Auburn University

Smoke-Free Campus Policy

I. Policy Statement

In recognition of environmental tobacco-smoke and nicotine-related health risks, Auburn University intends to provide a smoke/vape free environment for its faculty, staff, students, and visitors. This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, consultants, contractors, and visitors.

According to the Surgeon General, “there is no safe level of exposure to cigarette smoke. When individuals inhale cigarette smoke, either directly or secondhand, they are inhaling more than 7,000 chemicals: hundreds of these are hazardous, and at least 69 are known to cause cancer” (Surgeon General Report, 2010). The Surgeon General also reported that “e-cigarettes represent another potential source of exposure to toxicants for nonusers, via secondhand or thirdhand exposure to aerosol” (Surgeon General Report, 2016).

II. Policy Principles

- A. Smoking/vaping is prohibited within all University buildings, facilities, grounds, University-owned vehicles, and property leased to or managed by the University with the exceptions of:
1. Controlled research, or educational, theatrical, or religious ceremonial purposes, with prior approval from the Dean or Director responsible for the facility.
 2. Privately-owned vehicles and locations outside of the [Auburn University campus perimeter](#). Smoke-Free Campus maps can be found at: <https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/SiteAssets/2019-02-25%20Main%20Campus%20Boundary.pdf>

NOTE: *The campus map online does not depict all property that is leased or managed by Auburn University.*

- B. Littering the campus with remains of disposable tobacco/nicotine products is prohibited.
- C. Assistance with smoking/vaping cessation for students, faculty and staff is available through the Auburn University Medical Clinic, the Harrison School of Pharmacy, and the Office of Health Promotion and Wellness Services. More information can be found at <http://auburn.edu/smokefree>.
- D. Information regarding smoking, vaping, and tobacco use at Auburn University Montgomery can be found within their Smoking Policy.

III. Effective Date

August 21, 2013

IV. Applicability

This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, consultants, contractors, and visitors.

V. Policy Management

Responsible Office: Risk Management and Safety

Responsible Executive: Executive Director of Risk Management and Safety

Responsible Officer: Director Health Promotion and Wellness Services

VI. Definitions

- A. For the purpose of this policy, the Auburn University campus shall be defined as that which is contained within the legal property boundaries of all property owned, leased to or managed by the University or managed by Auburn University.
- B. For the purpose of this policy “smoking” is defined as inhaling, exhaling, burning or possessing lighted tobacco products, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco and hookahs.
- C. For the purpose of this policy, “vaping” includes the use of any oral electronic nicotine delivery systems, such as e-cigarettes and vaping devices (e.g., JUUL devices).

VII. Policy Procedures

- A. The success of this policy depends upon the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers, vapers and non-smokers. Adherence to this policy is the responsibility of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors of Auburn University. All students, faculty, staff, and visitors who are in violation of this policy will be asked to comply by discarding their tobacco or vape product.
- B. As necessary, facility and property managers will regulate enforcement of this policy, including but not limited to posting appropriate signage. Any concerns about and/or violations of the policy will be brought to the attention of the individuals responsible for the operation of the University facility in question and/or the supervisor responsible for the work area.

VIII. Sanctions

Individuals refusing to comply with this policy and repeat offenders must be addressed through the existing disciplinary policies outlined in the [Code of Student Conduct](#), [Faculty Handbook](#) and the Human Resource policies housed in the [University Policy Database](#).

IX. Exclusions

As noted above:

- A. Smoking/vaping in University facilities will be permitted for controlled research, educational, theatrical, or religious ceremonial purposes, with prior written approval of the Dean, Director, or Department Head responsible for the facility.
- B. Smoking/vaping is permitted in privately-owned vehicles (windows up) parked within the perimeter of campus.

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