

Lehigh University

Tobacco and Smoke Free Campus Policy

Lehigh University is committed to providing a safe and healthy working and learning environment for the students, faculty, and staff on its campus and in its programs and activities. The University acknowledges the findings of the U.S. Surgeon General that tobacco use in any form, active and passive, is a significant health hazard. The University further recognizes that environmental tobacco smoke has been classified as a Class-A carcinogen.

In light of these findings and health risks, and in support of a safe and healthy learning and working environment, the University establishes this Tobacco and Smoke Free Campus Policy, the purposes of which are: (1) to protect the campus community and general public health and welfare by prohibiting smoking and the use of tobacco products, including smoking products and electronic smoking devices, on the University campus; (2) to protect the right of nonsmokers to breathe smoke free air, recognizing that the need to breathe smoke free air shall have priority over the desire to smoke; and (3) to encourage a healthier, more productive living, working, and learning environment for all members of the University community.

Definitions

A. “Electronic Smoking Device” means any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the product. The term includes any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-hookah, or vape pen, or under any other product name or descriptor.

B. “Hookah” means a water pipe and any associated products and devices which are used to produce fumes, smoke, and/or vapor from the burning of material, including but not limited to tobacco, shisha, or other plant matter.

C. “Smoking” means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookahs and marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. “Smoking” also includes the use of an electronic smoking device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this Policy.

D. “Tobacco Product” means any substance containing tobacco leaf, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, hookah tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco, bidis, blunts, clove cigarettes, or any other preparation of tobacco; and any product or formulation of matter containing biologically active amounts of nicotine that is manufactured, sold, offered for sale, or otherwise distributed with the expectation that the product or matter will be introduced

into the human body by inhalation; but does not include any cessation product specifically approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in treating nicotine or tobacco dependence.

Smoking and Tobacco Use Prohibited

Lehigh University shall be entirely tobacco and smoke free effective August 2, 2021. This Policy applies to all Lehigh University facilities, property, and vehicles, owned or leased, regardless of location, including facilities leased by the University for University use or to other entities for commercial use. Smoking and the use of any tobacco products shall not be permitted in any enclosed place, including but not limited to all offices, classrooms, laboratories, hallways, restrooms, meeting rooms, community areas, athletic venues, performance venues, and private residential space and common area spaces within University housing. Smoking shall also be prohibited outdoors on all University campus property, including, but not limited to parking lots, paths, fields, sports/recreational areas, and stadiums. This Policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and other persons on campus regardless of the purpose for their visit.

Promotion and Sale of Tobacco Products Prohibited

No tobacco-related advertising or sponsorship shall be permitted on University property, at University-sponsored events, or in publications produced by the University, with the exception of advertising in a newspaper or magazine that is not produced by the University and which is lawfully sold, bought, or distributed on University property. For the purposes of this Policy, "tobacco related" applies to the use of a tobacco brand or corporate name, trademark, logo, symbol, or motto, selling message, recognizable pattern or colors, or any other indicia of product identical to or similar to, or identifiable with, those used for any brand of tobacco products or company which manufactures tobacco products. Cigarettes, including electronic cigarettes, cigars, and pipes, including hookah pipes, shall not be sold or distributed as samples on University grounds, either in vending machines, University-owned commercial rentals, or any area on campus.

Campus Organizations Prohibited from Accepting Gifts from Tobacco Companies

Campus organizations are prohibited from accepting money or gifts from tobacco companies. This includes sponsorship by tobacco companies of parties or social events and distribution of free, reduced-price, or fully priced tobacco products and promotional items (t-shirts, hats, etc.) on campus.