

## 34.05 Smoking

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### Policy Statement

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The Texas A&M University System (system) has a vital interest in maintaining a healthy and safe environment for its students, faculty, staff and visitors while respecting individual choice. Consistent with these concerns, this policy directs each system member to create a rule restricting smoking in its facilities.

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### Reason for Policy

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Public health and environmental agencies have found that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke, and that nonsmokers who are exposed at home or work are subjected to a significantly increased risk of developing health related complications.

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### Procedures and Responsibilities

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Each system member chief executive officer shall establish, for each system facility under his or her control, a rule which restricts smoking within such facilities in a manner which protects the health of employees, students, and clientele, and shall submit such rule for approval by the chancellor and the Board of Regents.

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### Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

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Texas Penal Code § 48.01. *Smoking Tobacco*

Texas Labor Code § 411.103. *Duty of Employer to Provide Safe Workplace*

Title 28 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 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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## **Definitions**

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Smoking – the use or carrying of a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, tobacco, or any other type of smoking substance.

Secondhand smoke, also called Environmental Tobacco Smoke – a mixture of the smoke given off by the burning end of a cigarette, pipe, or cigar, and the smoke exhaled by smokers.

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