

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the University's restrictions on the use of tobacco and smoking-related products and electronic cigarettes and vaporizers.

[Code of Virginia Section 23.1-1301, as amended](#), grants authority to the Board of Visitors to make rules and policies concerning the institution. Section 7.01(a)(6) of the [Board of Visitors Bylaws](#) grants authority to the President to implement the policies and procedures of the Board relating to University operations.

[Code of Virginia Section 18.2-371.2, as amended](#), prohibits the purchase or possession of tobacco products, nicotine vapor products, and hemp products intended for smoking by a person under 21 years of age or sale of tobacco products, nicotine vapor products, alternative nicotine products, and hemp products intended for smoking to persons under 21 years of age.

[Executive Order 41 \(2006\)](#) bans smoking in offices occupied by executive branch agencies and institutions, including institutions of higher education.

Tobacco and Smoking-related Products – All tobacco-derived or tobacco-containing products

status continues whether or not the University's programs are in session. Visitors include vendors and their employees, parents of students, volunteers, guests, uninvited guests, and all other persons located on property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the University.

The use of tobacco and smoking-related products, and electronic cigarettes and vaporizers is prohibited in all facilities and vehicles owned or leased by the University.

The use of tobacco and smoking-related products, and electronic cigarettes and vaporizers is also prohibited within 25 feet of any part of any facility owned or leased by the University. Smoke or vapors must not be allowed to drift through opened windows, doors, or building fresh-air intakes. If buildings have an "overhang," the 25-foot rule radius is measured from the outside perimeter of the "overhang."

The use of tobacco and smoking-related products and electronic cigarettes and vaporizers is also prohibited in any other outdoor area where "No Smoking" signs are posted.

Smoking is also prohibited in state-owned or leased vehicles.

This policy does not supersede more restrictive policies that may be derived from and are in compliance with Febng..228217 Td[33(ed)5.3 (e)118(c)-1.9e)-3-1.217 Td(o)-9 (f)-3.4 ((p)2..402 -1.217 EMC /P K

Implementation

Implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management & Construction and/or designee, and will include the following:

1. Approving and designating where the use of tobacco and smoking-related products and electronic cigarettes and vaporizers is allowed and prohibited; and
2. Displaying appropriate signage where and when necessary.

Enforcement

Enforcement of this policy depends on respect of the rights of, and cooperation among, all members of the University community. Complaints based on this policy and disputes arising from its implementation should be referred to the Director of Environmental Health and Safety.

University Vice Presidents and their designees have the overall responsibility for this policy in their areas, and shall inform faculty, staff, students, and visitors (including vendors and contractors) under their jurisdictions of the provisions of this policy.

All faculty, staff, students, visitors, and guests share the responsibility for the support and maintenance of a safe, healthful, and pleasant learning and working environment for the University community and for keeping the campus clean, attractive, and litter-free. Compliance with the policy helps to support a respectful, civil environment for the entire University community.

