Introduction

The University of Regina is a community that respects the importance of and takes responsibility for the quality of the air we breathe. We are committed to providing a safe and healthy place in which to study, work, and live. The University of Regina recognizes the hazards posed by exposure to second-hand smoke and the use of tobacco products. This policy will comply with the requirements under the Provincial Tobacco Control Act, 2004 and the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996.

Definitions

**Smoking** - To inhale, exhale, burn, carry, or possess lighted tobacco, marijuana or other herbal products, including cigarettes, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), cigars, cigarillos, pipe tobacco, hookahs or other products capable of being smoked, or to burn, vaporize or atomize any products for inhalation including tobacco or illegal substances (e.g., cannabis marijuana with the exception of marijuana used for medication purposes).

**Tobacco Product** - Products composed in whole or in part of tobacco, including tobacco leaves and any extract of tobacco leaves, but do not include any products for use in nicotine replacement therapy. They include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipe tobacco, and specialized tobacco products such as chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco, and snuff.

**Administrator** - A person authorized by the University to oversee or direct the work of others. For purposes of this Policy, this reference shall include senior, out-of-scope, faculty/staff members/supervisors in a department or unit with the authority to address personnel matters as they relate to the Individual, including the President, Vice-President, Associate Vice-President, Dean, Director or Manager, as the case may be.
Policy

Smoking and the use of Tobacco Products is prohibited;

- in all University buildings owned or leased;
- on owned or leased University property;
- on outdoor University areas used for sports, meetings or other gatherings;
- in University vehicles, or in vehicles parked on University leased or owned property;

Advertising or the sale of smoking and tobacco products on all University of Regina campuses is prohibited.

Exceptions

- Smoking is only permitted in outdoor designated areas that have been identified for smoking and tobacco use on the main campus (Designated Smoking Areas Map).

- Tobacco is an integral part of cultural ceremonies and requests for guidance, knowledge or knowledge sharing, therefore it may be burned on campus in accordance with policy GOV-040-020 Smudging/Pipe Ceremonies. Smoking or tobacco products used for research purposes, other than Indigenous cultural practices, require a written exception request to this policy made to the Director, Health Safety and Wellness. The Director, Health, Safety and Wellness will review and may approve these exceptions based on information provided.

Roles and Responsibilities

**Individuals who smoke or use tobacco products on campus will:**
- smoke only in designated smoking areas
- prevent fire hazards by using receptacles provided

**Administrators will:**
- ensure this policy is communicated
- require compliance of the policy and procedures

Consequences for Noncompliance

All members of the University community are subject to the requirements of this policy. Violations place the University at risk and are subject to appropriate corrective administrative or non-academic discipline, and could result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of the member’s position with the University, or in the case of a student, consequences will be in accordance with the Regulations Governing Discipline for Academic and Non-academic Misconduct.
Processes

Smoke-Free Campus Guidelines

1. **Signage**: Facilities Management will arrange for appropriate signage announcing this policy at the entrances to buildings and at other locations as deemed necessary.

2. **Designated Smoking Areas (DSAs)**: Facilities Management and Student Affairs will be consulted regarding appropriate DSAs. The DSAs will be clearly marked with appropriate signage and will be supplied with suitable disposal receptacles.

3. **Communications**: The general policy statement will be posted on the University policy website. All prospective students and staff members shall be made aware of the Smoking on Campus Policy during the recruitment and orientation process. The University of Regina Students’ Union will communicate the policy to students via orientation programs, social media, website postings, televised communication throughout the University and other communication channels that may be available.

4. **Public Events**: Organizers and attendees at public events using the University facilities, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, sporting activities and social events, will be made aware of and comply with the Smoking on Campus Policy. Organizers of such events are responsible for communicating this policy to attendees and for enforcing the policy.

5. **Smoking Cessation Assistance**: The Pension and Benefits Unit of Human Resources can assist University employees in determining coverage for smoking cessation aids. Students can contact the University of Regina Students’ Union to determine their coverage for smoking cessation aids.

Related Information

- [The Tobacco Control Act](#)
- [Canadian Tobacco Control Regulations](#)
- [The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations](#)
- [GOV-040-020 Smudging/Pipe Ceremonies](#)
- [City of Regina (smoking bylaw)](#)
- [Designated Smoking Areas Map](#)
- [Regulations Governing Discipline for Academic and Non-Academic Misconduct](#)