

Smoke-Free Community Policy

Policy Statement

October 6 University is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all members of its community, including students, faculty, staff, visitors, and contractors. In pursuit of this commitment, October 6 University has adopted a Tobacco-Free Community Policy. This policy aims to promote the health and well-being of our community members and reduce exposure to the harmful effects of tobacco and second-hand smoke.

Definitions

Term (alphabetical order)	Definition as it relates to this policy
Smoking	The burning of any tobacco product, or the use of an electronic device to simulate the experience of smoking, having a cartridge with a heater that vaporizes liquid nicotine instead of burning tobacco. Examples of such devices are e-cigarettes, e-shisha, etc.
Tobacco product	Including but not limited to any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed or ingested by any other means, or any component part or accessory of a tobacco product, including but not limited to cigarettes; cigars; little cigars; cheroots; stogies; perique's; granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, and other smoking tobacco; snuff; snuff flour; Cavendish; plug and twist tobacco; fine-cut and other chewing tobacco; shorts; refuse scraps, clippings, cutting, and sweepings of tobacco, e-cigarettes, hookah; and other kinds and forms of tobacco.
Vehicle	Any motorized transport including automobiles, vans, minivans, trucks, buses, motorcycles, and utility carts.

Policy Details:

1. **Scope:**

This policy applies to all university-owned or leased property, including but not limited to buildings, grounds, parking lots, vehicles, and outdoor areas. It also applies to university-sponsored events and activities, whether on or off campus.

2. **Prohibited Products:**

Smoking and the use of all tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, vaping devices, and any other nicotine delivery systems, are prohibited.

3. Enforcement:

The October 6 University community is responsible for adhering to and enforcing this policy. Enforcement is based on education and the promotion of compliance, with an emphasis on respectful communication and support.

4. Signage:

Signs indicating the tobacco-free policy will be prominently displayed throughout the campus and at entrances. These signs will serve as a reminder of the policy to all individuals on university property.

5. Support and Resources:

October 6 University is committed to assisting individuals who wish to quit tobacco use. Smoking cessation programs and resources will be made available to students, faculty, and staff.

6. Compliance and Reporting:

It is the responsibility of all community members to observe and comply with this policy. Members of the October 6 University community are encouraged to respectfully inform others about the policy when necessary. Any violations of this policy should be reported to [Designated Office or Department] for appropriate follow-up.

7. Penalties:

While the emphasis is on education and support, individuals who repeatedly violate this policy may be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures, as outlined in the October 6 University Student Code of Conduct and relevant staff and faculty policies.

Implementation Date: This Tobacco-Free Community Policy will go into effect on 1/12/2015.

Review and Revision: This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness and relevance to the October 6 University community. Any necessary revisions will be made in consultation with the university community.

Contacts

Responsible University Official: Executive Director for Safety and Security

Responsible University Office: Office of Safety and Security

History/Revision Dates

Origination Date: December 2, 1996

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