

Utah Tech University Policy

156: Tobacco-Free Campus



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I. Purpose

- 1.1 As part of an effort to provide and promote a healthy and productive working and learning environment, Utah Tech University (hereinafter referred to as “University”) prohibits all forms of smoking and other tobacco use on its campus.

II. Scope

- 2.1 Policy 156 applies to all persons on campus, including but not limited to University faculty and staff, students, visitors, guests, customers, and contractors including those attending athletic and alumni events.

III. Definitions

- 3.1 **Campus:** Campus, for purposes of Policy 156, is defined as all University owned, leased, or controlled buildings and outdoor spaces, including but not limited to Campus walkways, sidewalks, parking areas, recreational and sports facilities, University-owned and operated vehicles, and in private vehicles located on Campus. This includes space within 25 feet of entryways or exits, near air intakes, or near fire/explosion hazards even if that space is not owned, leased, or controlled by the University.
- 3.2 **Native American Cultural Tobacco Use:** Any spiritual, ceremonial, traditional, religious, or other cultural tobacco use engaged in for the purpose of Native American religious or spiritual practice.
- 3.3 **Smoking:** Smoking is defined as inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying, or possessing any lighted product. This includes but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes, and hookahs containing any substance, including but not limited to tobacco and cloves.

IV. Policy

- 4.1 All forms of Smoking are prohibited on the University Campus, such as tobacco cigarettes, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), and other vaporizing devices designed to function like electronic cigarettes or cigars.
- 4.2 Oral or smokeless tobacco, also known as dip, chew, snuff or snus in any form and nasal tobacco are also prohibited on the University Campus.
- 4.3 The use, sale, distribution, or advertising of any regulated or unregulated item containing tobacco, tobacco products, or tobacco flavoring is prohibited on the University Campus.
- 4.4 In addition, products intended to mimic tobacco, containing tobacco flavoring, or intended to deliver nicotine are prohibited.
- 4.5 Organizers and attendees of public and private events using University facilities are required to abide by Policy 156.
- 4.6 Organizers and sponsors of such events are responsible for communicating and enforcing Policy 156.
- 4.7 Littering the Campus with remains of disposable tobacco/nicotine products is prohibited.
- 4.8 The use prohibitions outlined in Policy 156 do not prohibit the following activities:
 - 4.8.1 Drug products containing or delivering nicotine or substances designed to mimic nicotine that have been approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration for use in treating tobacco dependency (i.e. F.D.A. approved tobacco or Smoking cessation products), including but not limited to chewing gum, skin patches, oral lozenges, nasal spray, and oral inhalers.
 - 4.8.2 Native American Cultural Tobacco Use in accordance with procedures detailed in Section 6.1.

V. References

- 5.1 Assistance may be available to students and employees who wish to stop using tobacco at little or no cost through Utah Tech Booth Wellness Center.
- 5.2 Utah Quit Tobacco Resources: <https://tobaccofreeutah.org/>

5.3 American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. 1996

VI. Procedures

- 6.1 Individuals and/or groups wishing to engage in Native American Cultural Tobacco Use on Campus must submit a written request at least two weeks in advance of anticipated use to the Dean of Students or their designee detailing the proposed use and safety precautions.
 - 6.1.1 Written approval must be obtained from the Dean of Students, or their designee, as well as the University Risk Manager. Written approval may include any necessary requirement or restrictions in compliance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act and other University policy.
- 6.2 The University public safety staff will enforce the prohibition through established protocols and procedures for policy violations. Public safety staff will provide written information about Policy 156 and offer information about tobacco cessation resources and programs to any individual not in compliance.
- 6.3 Members of the Campus community are empowered to request compliance with Policy 156 in an ongoing effort to enhance awareness and compliance.
- 6.4 Violations of Policy 156 will be addressed through existing processes outlined for students, faculty, staff, and others in current policies.
- 6.5 Policy 156 shall be considered an addendum to the 552 Student Conduct Code, and a student who is found to be in violation of Policy 156 may be fined and/or referred to a tobacco cessation program in accordance with the University Student Code and Policy 155b.
- 6.6 A member of the faculty or staff who is found to be in violation of Policy 156 may be referred to a supervisor or administrator in accordance with established disciplinary policies and procedures as outlined in University Policy.

VII. Addenda—N/A

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