

Identifying Exceptions

Individuals exempt this policy under the following conditions:

- Smoke in personal vehicles with closed windows and proper disposal of waste products
- Obtain prior approval and a waiver from the Vice President for Research and Economic Development and Risk Management Services for a research project involving tobacco products
- Obtain prior approval and a waiver from the Vice President for Research and Economic Development and Risk Management Services for an educational or clinical objective
- Obtain prior approval from the head of the department or program in charge of the production for a university-authorized theatrical performance that requires smoking as part of the artistic production
- Commercial tenants of a university-owned mixed-use property, excludes UNT employees



Displaying Signs

The university has posted signs on the entry doors of all buildings and around campus notifying people that UNT is smoke-free. These signs include 4x4 stickers placed on entry doors of buildings and 11x13 banners placed in high-traffic pedestrian areas. Also, the university will remove ashtrays from the UNT campus.



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<http://www.unt.edu/features/smoke-free.htm>



The University of North Texas' Smoke-Free Campus Policy



Stating the Purpose

The University of North Texas became a smoke-free campus beginning on January 1, 2013. The policy's purpose is to minimize the dangers of secondhand smoke, to protect the health of everyone on UNT's campus, and to maintain a pleasant environment for everyone.



Defining Key Terms

To understand the policy, students must learn the following definitions:

- **Smoking** – inhaling and/or possessing a lit pipe, cigar, cigarette or any other smoking equipment filled with tobacco
- **Smokeless tobacco products** – tobacco products including snuff, chewing tobacco, smokeless pouches or other forms of loose-leaf tobacco
- **University property** – all indoor and outdoor areas and facilities owned, leased or controlled by the university, including residence halls, academic and auxiliary buildings, athletic complexes and facilities, sidewalks, green spaces, parking lots and roadways, parking facilities, bus depots and all university-owned vehicles

Explaining the Details

The University of North Texas prohibits smoking anywhere on university property. The university also limits the use of smokeless tobacco products and electronic cigarettes on the campus. All persons must follow this policy, including faculty, staff, contractors and sub-contractors services on university. The policy also applies to all UNT-owned or leased property both indoors and outdoors and in UNT-owned vehicles.



Enforcing the Policy

The university's non-smoking policy says that enforcing the policy will rely on awareness and voluntarily complying with the policy. A person should be aware of the policy, pay attention to the signs, and respectfully inform others of the policy. All UNT students, faculty, staff and visitors are responsible for following the policy. They should obey the terms of the policy in an ongoing effort to enhance awareness. Event organizers at public events should provide advance notice to attendees of the obligation to comply with this policy. These events include conferences, meetings, lectures, protests, and social, cultural and sporting events using university facilities.



Violating the Policy

An individual who witnesses a violation of this policy should give an informal request to the individual. If informal requests are unsuccessful, the witness should contact Human Resources or the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs who will refer the problem to an administrative official. An individual who witnesses repeat offenses may refer the violation for consideration that agrees with established administrative policies.



Clarifying Smokeless Tobacco

The University of North Texas limits the use of smokeless tobacco on university property. UNT allows students to use smokeless tobacco and electronic cigarettes in outdoor spaces that are at least 25 feet from a facility entrance; however, students must dispose of waste products properly. Also, UNT prohibits the sale and distribution of tobacco products. The university has a separate policy in effect for tobacco-free zones.

