

 UNIVERSITY OF DENVER	UNIVERSITY OF DENVER POLICY MANUAL TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS		
<u>Responsible Department:</u> Human Resources and Inclusive Community <u>Recommended By:</u> Provost, VC Human Resources, and Chief of Campus Safety <u>Approved By:</u> Chancellor	<u>Policy Number</u> HRIC 3.20.050	<u>Effective Date</u> 8/11/2025	

I. INTRODUCTION

In response to public health concerns related to smoking, vaping, and second-hand smoke, the University prohibits smoking, vaping, chewing or ingesting products that contain tobacco, nicotine or cloves on University Premises.

II. POLICY OVERVIEW

A. Requirements

1. The University prohibits the use of Smoking Products on all University Premises, both indoors and outdoors.
2. The University prohibits the sale, distribution, and sampling of Smoking Products, related merchandise or promotional materials on all University Premises and at University-sponsored events.
3. The University prohibits sponsorship of University associations and/or University events by organizations that promote Smoking or Smoking Products. Additionally, the advertisement or promotion of Smoking, Smoking Products or Smoking businesses on University Premises, University funded venues or publications, or at University events is prohibited.
4. This policy applies to all employees, students, and visitors.
5. A community member may advise an individual who appears to be violating this policy that the University is a tobacco-free campus. If the individual refuses to comply with this policy, Campus Safety or a reporting party can make a referral for further disciplinary action as follows:
 - For an employee, a referral to Human Resources and Inclusive Community for

- a policy violation.
 - For a student, a referral to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities for processing of an alleged Honor Code violation.
 - Visitors in violation of this policy may be escorted off campus.
6. An individual subject to this policy may not discriminate or retaliate in any manner against any person who makes a complaint of a violation of this policy or who provides information concerning a violation of this policy to any person or governing authority.

B. Exceptions

1. The Tobacco-Free Campus policy does not apply to public rights-of-way (e.g., city sidewalks or streets) on the perimeter of the campus.
2. Because of the high volume of visitors to the University at the Newman Center for the Performing Arts and the Ritchie Center for Sports and Wellness, the University has designated limited areas outside of these venues where tobacco smoking will be permitted. These areas will be located in compliance with state and municipal ordinances.
3. The University of Denver Kennedy Mountain Campus ("KMC") is in a remote location in the mountains to the west of Fort Collins, Colorado. In order to minimize fire danger at KMC, KMC has designated a single smoking location on a concrete pad adjacent to the dining hall facility at KMC.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Smoking"** means smoking, chewing, vaping or any other form of ingesting tobacco, nicotine or cloves. Smoking does not include smoking that is associated with a native recognized religious ceremony, ritual, or activity by American Indians that is in accordance with the federal American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Sections 1996 and 1996a of Title 42 of the United States Code.
- B. "Smoking Products"** include but are not limited to all products or forms used to inhale or otherwise consume tobacco, clove, vape liquid, or e-liquid products (for example: cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaping, chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, IQOS, bidis, kreteks, etc.) and all smoke-producing products for tobacco or cloves (cigars, pipes, hookahs, etc.). Smoking Products does not include FDA approved nicotine replacements such as nicotine patches, gum, lozenges, or inhalers, all of which are allowed and are encouraged as substitutes for smoking or vaping on campus.
- C. "University Premises"** includes, but is not limited to, all indoor and outdoor common and educational areas, all University owned, leased, or operated facilities, any

recognized fraternities and sororities, University owned or operated housing, campus sidewalks, campus parking lots, recreational areas, outdoor stadiums, and University owned or leased vehicles (regardless of location). It does not include municipal property that goes through or is adjacent to campus, such as sidewalks or alleys.

- D. **“Visitors”** includes anyone other than a University student or employee, such as contractors and external individuals or companies renting University owned space.

IV. RESOURCES

- A. For Use of Marijuana see Policy HRIC 3.20.020 – *Possession, Use, or Distribution of Controlled Substances on Campus*

- B. [University of Denver Honor Code](#)

Revision Effective Date	Purpose
9/14/2021	<i>Update to encompass different forms of smoking and tobacco use on campus</i>
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