



SMOKE FREE CAMPUS POLICY
Effective January 1, 2014

This policy supersedes all previous editions of the University’s smoking policy. The policy also supersedes Section 5.16 of the *University Faculty Handbook, 2011 Revised 2012* and Section 7.4 of the *University Staff Handbook, 2011, Revised 2012*.

Policy Statement: In the interest of promoting the health, well-being and safety of students, faculty, staff and campus visitors, Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University (“AAMU”) prohibits smoking anywhere on University property and limits the use of smokeless tobacco products and electronic cigarettes on its campus.

Application of Policy: This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, visitors, contractors and sub-contractors while on property owned or leased by AAMU at all times. Failure to comply with this policy will be dealt with according to established disciplinary procedures for violation of policy as contained in any employee handbook or student code of conduct then in effect.

Definitions:

1. **Smoking.** Means inhaling and/or possessing a lit pipe, cigar, cigarette or any other smoking equipment filled with tobacco.
2. **Smokeless tobacco products.** Means tobacco products including snuff, chewing tobacco, smokeless pouches or other forms of loose-leaf tobacco.
3. **University property means all indoor and outdoor areas and facilities owned, leased or controlled by the University,** including but not limited to 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.

Guidelines and Responsibilities:

1. **Smoking prohibited on all AAMU property:** AAMU prohibits smoking on all University property by all individuals, including contractors and subcontractors providing services on behalf of the University, except in the following circumstances:
 - a. Individuals may smoke in their personal vehicles provided that the windows are closed and waste products are disposed of properly.
 - b. A research project involving tobacco products. The principal investigator must obtain prior approval and a waiver from the **Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs**.
 - c. As part of an educational or clinical objective. The facilitator(s) must obtain prior approval of the dean or director responsible for the facility, or in their absence, the **Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs**.
 - d. A University-authorized theatrical performance that requires smoking as part of the artistic production. The director and/or performers must obtain prior approval from the head of the department or program in charge of the production.
 - e. Commercial tenants of a University-owned mixed-use property are not subject to this policy. But the part of such University property occupied by AAMU employees is subject to this policy.



SMOKE FREE CAMPUS POLICY
Effective January 1, 2014

2. **Use of smokeless tobacco is limited on AAMU property:** AAMU permits the use of smokeless tobacco and electronic cigarettes only in outdoor spaces that are at least 25 feet from a facility entrance, provided all waste products are disposed of properly.
3. **The sale and distribution of tobacco products is prohibited on AAMU property.**