

UNA No Smoking Policy

The University of North Alabama is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable and educationally productive learning environment for faculty, staff, students and visitors. The University of North Alabama recognizes that smoking any substance presents a public health hazard. As such, it shall be the policy of the University of North Alabama that smoking shall be prohibited on all university owned and operated property both indoors and outdoors.

"Smoking," as used in this policy, refers to inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated smoking product and to the use of any such other electronic or other device that is used as an alternative to traditional tobacco products and that produces a smoke or vapor when in use. "Smoking products" include, but are not limited to, all cigarette products (cigarettes, bidis, kreteks, e-cigarettes, etc.) and all smoke-producing products (cigars, pipes, hookahs, vaporizers, etc.). "University-owned and operated property" includes, but is not limited to: all outdoor common and educational areas; all university buildings; university-owned/operated housing facilities; campus sidewalks; recreational areas; outdoor stadiums; and university-owned and leased vehicles (regardless of location). Littering campus with the remains of smoking products is also prohibited.

This policy applies to all employees, students, visitors, contractors, and externally affiliated individuals or companies renting university-owned space on university- owned and operated property campus grounds.

Education will be the preferred enforcement method to ensure individuals adhere to the new policy. Individuals that violate this policy will be provided educational information on the new policy and offered a referral for smoking cessation. However, disciplinary action may also be used for repeat violations as indicated below.

- Students will be referred to the student conduct office. Violation of this policy is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.
- Employees will be referred to their supervisor and/or appointing authority for appropriate action.
- Contractors will be referred to their respective employers for appropriate action.
- Visitors may be required to leave the campus if they fail to conform to the policy when advised.

Additional Resources and Support

The University recognizes that quitting smoking can be a significant personal challenge. As such, the University will provide ongoing information, education, and support to faculty, staff, and students on a variety of wellness initiatives including cessation aids and programs.

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