

Smoking Policy

In compliance with the provisions of the Health Protection (Smoking Control) Laws of 2017 to 2023, the University has established and implements a written policy on smoking across all its facilities. This policy is based on the principle that staff, students, and third parties who do not smoke or do not wish to be exposed to smoke are protected from the harmful effects of smoking.

In alignment with the Occupational Safety and Health Laws of 1996 to 2011, the University is also committed for providing a safe and healthy environment for everyone on campus.

For the purposes of this policy, “smoking” includes traditional tobacco products, new tobacco products, herbal products for smoking, electronic cigarettes, hookahs, and smokeless tobacco products.

The smoking policy is enforced through the following measures:

- (a) The sale, free distribution, direct or indirect advertising, and display of tobacco and related products are prohibited on University grounds.
- (b) Smoking is prohibited inside all University buildings, including stairwells, elevators, hallways, restrooms, common indoor spaces, and offices.
- (c) Smoking is not permitted in University vehicles.
- (d) Smoking is banned within University facilities designated as restaurants, cafeterias, coffee shops, or student housing, whether managed by external contractors or the University itself.

Smoking is only allowed in outdoor areas outside of University buildings and away from LPG installations or other flammable materials.

The Estate Management Services places clear and easily visible signs in prominent locations indicating areas where smoking is prohibited.

Staff or students who do not comply with this policy will be subject to disciplinary action and may also face legal consequences, where relevant legislation is breached.

All students, staff, and visitors are expected to follow this Smoking Policy. Please report any violations or provide suggestions for additional measures to the University Officer responsible for health and safety issues via Heads of Administrative Services or Chairpersons.

This Policy replaces any previous related decisions.

This Policy was initially approved at the Council's 7th session on 19/09/2012 and amended at the 164th Council's session on 22/10/2024.