

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY: HUMAN RESOURCES, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESS, CAMPUS  
POLICE

RESPONSIBLE CONTACT: CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE PRESIDENT

POLICY IDENTIFICATION: SMOKE-FREE POLICY

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1. Definitions

1.1. To “smoke” means: inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, whether natural or synthetic. It also includes use of any such tobacco or plant product with a pipe or hookah; with an electronic smoking device that in any way creates an aerosol or vapor in any form; or with any other oral smoking device, such as e-cigarettes, vaporizers, or other such devices.

1.2. “Tobacco-derived or containing products” means products that include, without limitation, cigarettes (including clove, bidis, kreteks and similar type products), electronic cigarettes, aerosol or vapor nicotine delivery devices, cigars and cigarillos, pipe tobacco, hookah-smoked products, and oral tobacco (spit and spit less, smokeless, chew, snuff).

1.3. Marijuana means all parts of the plant of the genus cannabis, growing or not; the seeds of the plant; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacturer, salt derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant or its seeds or resin, including marijuana concentrate and the marijuana –infused products.

1.4. Marijuana-infused products mean a topical formulation, tincture, beverage, edible substance, or similar product containing marijuana and other ingredients and that is intended for human consumption. “Alternative nicotine product” means any noncombustible product containing nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means.

“Alternative nicotine product” does not include any nicotine vapor product, tobacco product, or product regulated as a drug or device by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under Chapter V (21 U.S.C. § 351 et seq.) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

Virginia Union University (VUU) is committed to providing a healthy environment on campus. We recognize the serious health implications of both the direct and indirect use of tobacco products and our responsibility to promote the health and wellbeing of our students, employees, and visitors. As a leader in the community, VUU strongly discourages the use of any tobacco, nicotine, and marijuana products. VUU is committed to offering our students, staff, and faculty helpful smoking cessation and wellness resources.

This policy is for all VUU employees, students, vendors/contractors, and visitors to our campus. Virginia Union University supports and is committed to wellness and a healthy environment. No person shall smoke, chew, or otherwise use tobacco, tobacco products, tobacco-derived or smoking simulation products or devices, and/or alternative nicotine, products on, in, or upon property owned or leased by Virginia Union University.

Marijuana is not permitted anywhere on campus property or at any campus-sponsored events. The use of marijuana includes, but is not limited to, smoking in any form or any edible form. Marijuana smoking or use of marijuana is prohibited in any private vehicle, any college-owned vehicle, or any vehicle located on college property.

This policy does not include any cessation product specifically approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for use in treating nicotine or tobacco dependence.