

# Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free Campus Policy

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## SECTION I. PURPOSE

The University of St. Thomas convictions include supporting the well-being of each member of our community. This conviction encompasses a commitment to provide a healthy campus for all campus members and visitors by maintaining a tobacco-free and smoke-free campus. This policy establishes the related expectations that apply to members of and visitors to our campus community.

## SECTION II. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all St. Thomas students, employees (faculty, staff and student workers), contractors, volunteers, visitors and licensees. Compliance with this policy will depend upon the cooperation of all members of our community to ensure awareness and respect for our commitment to remain tobacco-free and smoke-free.

## SECTION III. DEFINITIONS

When used in this policy, the following terms have the following meanings:

- a. ***Tobacco and smoking/vaping products*** mean any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, clove cigarette, hookah smoked products, cannabis smoked products<sup>1</sup>, electronic cigarettes and any other smoking or vaping product; and smokeless or spit tobacco, also known as kip, chew, snuff or snus, in any form.
- b. ***St. Thomas property*** means all real property, buildings, vehicles and facilities under the primary control of St. Thomas through ownership, lease or other means. For example, St. Thomas property includes, but is not limited to, St. Thomas residence halls and other St. Thomas-owned housing for students, St. Thomas academic, administrative and athletic buildings and facilities, outdoor areas on campus, and vehicles owned, leased or licensed by St. Thomas. St. Thomas property also includes all public or private locations, stadiums and halls that the University has leased or licensed for University events and activities, including but not limited to intercollegiate and intramural sporting events.
- c. ***Exempted residences*** mean specified, non-student residential homes owned by St. Thomas that were specifically exempted from this policy at the time of its initial adoption, but only so long as such homes are occupied by the individuals who resided there on January 1, 2014. Nothing herein permits an individual in an exempted residence to engage in possession, distribution, or use of cannabis that violates other University policies.

## SECTION IV. PROHIBITED PRODUCTS AND ACTIVITIES

St. Thomas prohibits the use, distribution, advertisement, promotion, marketing and sale of tobacco and smoking/vaping products, including cannabis products, and tobacco- and smoking/vaping-related merchandise (including logo-containing items) at all St. Thomas-sponsored events and in

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<sup>1</sup> Other cannabis products are governed by St. Thomas's Alcohol and Drug-Free University Policy.

and on all St. Thomas property, other than the exempted residences, and regardless of the operating vendor.

With prior approval of the policy owner in consultation with the appropriate President's Cabinet member(s), St. Thomas may provide exemptions from this policy for tobacco use based on indigenous and other faith practices and as part of university-approved scientific studies, theatrical productions, and disability accommodations, so long as such uses comply with applicable law.