

NON-SMOKING POLICY

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1. Preamble

In recognition of the severe health and safety risks associated with smoking and secondary smoke, and in the interests of promoting a healthy and smoke-free living and educational environment for its students, faculty, staff, patients, and visitors, and in compliance with the Lebanese Legislation Resolution 1/213, AUB has adopted the following non-smoking policy.

2. Policy

- a. **Smoking:** Is not permitted anywhere on the University's property, except for private faculty residences and designated locations.
- b. Smoking is prohibited in all university buildings and outdoor areas including public spaces and roadways, the Green Field, spectator seating, outdoor dining areas, covered walkways, AUB gates, entrances, and parking areas. Smoking is also prohibited in university vehicles at all times, and in other private vehicles while they are on campus.
- c. **Designated Smoking Areas:** Smoking is only permitted in university designated areas which extend over a radius of 5 meters from the signs designating a 'Smoking Area'. The dean of student affairs will, at his discretion, designate those floors in selected student residences where smoking is permitted ([Appendix I - Smoking Areas on Campus ~3MB](#)).
- d. **Safety Precautions:** Improper disposal of smoking materials is a fire hazard. Persons smoking in designated areas, or in private residences, where smoking is permitted, are required to ensure that smoking materials are disposed of in a tidy and safe manner. Cigarette butts are to be disposed of in the receptacles provided in the designated smoking areas and not on the ground or thrown into the wooded or landscaped areas.
- e. **Sales/Advertisements:** The sale, distribution, or advertisement of tobacco products is prohibited in university facilities and public areas. Financial contributions from tobacco companies to AUB activities such as sports and cultural events are also prohibited.

3. Compliance and Implementation

- a. All persons on AUB property are required to abide by this policy. This policy is to be implemented by units and departments in the same manner as other university policies. Breaches of the policy should be reported to the Environmental Health and Safety Center, extension 2360.

- b. Campus Protection personnel are authorized to monitor compliance with the policy among visitors, students, staff, and faculty. Protection personnel will request anyone in violation of the policy to comply immediately, failing which protection personnel may ask the offenders to supply their names and ID numbers. Protection personnel will then report the offenders to the dean of student affairs, the staff member's supervisor, the faculty member's dean, or the provost.
- c. Persons who are found to have breached the policy will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the [Student Code of Conduct](#), the [Faculty Manual](#) or the [Non Academic Staff Manual](#).

4. Smoking Cessation Program

A Smoking Cessation Program is offered at AUBMC to faculty, staff, and students who would like assistance in overcoming tobacco addiction. For an appointment, call extension 5989.

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APPENDIX I

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