



## POLICY

**Title:** Tobacco and Cannabis-Free

### Policy Statement

The use of Tobacco products and the use and possession of Cannabis products is prohibited on University Property.

### Applicability of the Policy

This Policy applies to University faculty, students, staff, contractors, and visitors. Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the Chief Safety and Compliance Officer for human subjects research that has been reviewed and approved through the appropriate University Institutional Review Board.

### Definitions

**Cannabis:** A Schedule I Controlled Substance under federal law, defined as the parts, products, and non-Hemp derivatives of the plant *Cannabis sativa*, *indica*, *ruderalis* and hybrid strains, including Medical Marijuana, irrespective of state law to the contrary.

**Hemp:** the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of the plant with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) concentration of not more than 0.3 percent by dry weight.

**Medical Marijuana:** Cannabis for which the user is a Registered Patient under Vermont law (18 V.S.A. Chapter 86 Subchapter 2).

**Controlled Substances:** Any of the substances listed in the schedules of the Controlled Substances Act of 1970, and/or any of the controlled or regulated drugs under state law.

**Tobacco:** A state controlled and regulated drug, as defined by 7 V.S.A. § 101 and this Policy, to include:

**Tobacco Products** include cigarettes, little cigars, roll-your-own tobacco, snuff, cigars, new smokeless tobacco, and other tobacco products;

**Tobacco Substitutes** include nicotine pods and juices, electronic cigarettes or other electronic or battery-powered devices, that contain and are designed to deliver nicotine or other substances into the body through the inhalation of vapor and that have not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for tobacco cessation or other medical purposes. Products that have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for tobacco cessation or other medical purposes shall not be considered to be tobacco substitutes.

Tobacco and Cannabis Paraphernalia: includes any device used, intended for use, or designed for use in smoking, inhaling, ingesting, or otherwise introducing Tobacco or Cannabis into the human body, or for preparing the same for smoking, inhaling, ingesting, or otherwise introducing into the human body, including devices for holding Tobacco or Cannabis, rolling paper, wraps, cigarette rolling machines, grinders, pipes, water pipes, carburetion devices, bongs, hookahs, vaping devices, and empty pods or cartridges.

University Property: Any property owned, leased or operated by the University, including any motorized vehicle or watercraft. For the purpose of this Policy, the private domiciles of non-student employees located on the University campus are not considered University Property. Any employees with private domiciles on campus are required to abide by the terms of their lease/rental/use agreements and any expectations documents.

## Procedures

- None

## Contacts

<b>Questions concerning the daily operational interpretation of this policy should be directed to the following (in accordance with the policy elaboration and procedures):</b>	
<b>Title(s)/Department(s):</b>	<b>Contact Information:</b>
For faculty, staff, and non-affiliated organizations:	
Chief Safety and Compliance Officer	(802) 656-8937
For students:	
Dean of Students Office	(802) 656-3380
For research-based exceptions:	
Chief Safety and Compliance Officer	(802) 656-8937

## Forms/Flowcharts/Diagrams

- None

## Related Documents/Policies

- [The Tobacco-Free UVM Health Initiative](#)
- [Cannabis: What Students Need to Know](#)

## Regulatory References/Citations

- [Agricultural Marketing Act](#), 60 Stat. 1087 (7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.)
- [Controlled Substances Act](#), 84 Stat. 1236 (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.)
  - Drug Enforcement Administration, [Schedule of Controlled Substances](#)
- [Drug Free Schools and Communities Act](#), 34 C.F.R. 86 (20 U.S.C. 1011i)
- [Vermont Possession and Control of Regulated Drugs](#), 18 V.S.A. Chapter 84, Subchapter 1
- [Vermont Therapeutic Use of Cannabis Law](#), 18 V.S.A. Chapter 86, Subchapter 2
- [Vermont Tobacco Products Law](#), 7 V.S.A. Chapter 40

## Training/Education

Training will be provided on an as-needed basis as determined by the Approval Authority or the Responsible Official.

## About This Policy

<b>Responsible Official:</b>	Chief Safety and Compliance Officer	<b>Approval Authority:</b>	Chief Safety and Compliance Officer
<b>Policy Number:</b>	V. 3.17.4	<b>Effective Date:</b>	August 26, 2019
<b>Revision History:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• V. 5.30.1 effective August 1, 2015</li><li>• V. 3.17.2/V. 5.30.2 effective August 26, 2019. Name of policy changed from Tobacco-Free to Tobacco and Cannabis-Free. Responsible official officially changed from the Vice President for University Relations and Administration to the Vice President for Operations and Public Safety (VPOPS) on October 1, 2019. Title of VPOPS changed to Chief Safety and Compliance Officer July 2022.</li><li>• March, 26, 2024, May 3, 2024</li></ul>		

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