## **SMOKE-FREE POLICY**

Title: : Smoke-Free Policy

Authority : Registrar, Amity University Haryana

Purpose of this Policy : The purpose of this policy is to foster the good health and

well being of all members of its University community

Date of Incorporation : 27 Dec 2017

Date of Review : Once in three years. This can also be reviewed as per the

requirement of University.

## **Smoke-Free Policy**

The smoking of any substance is **not permitted** in any of the Classrooms, Faculty Halls or cabins, Hostels, cafeteria, seminar halls, auditoriums, sports ground or any open or closed spaces in the University premises. This also extends to at least 1km radius of the University campus.

Amity University Haryana is committed to foster the good health and well being of all members of its University community. It aims to reduce pollution and hazardous air pollutants through this prohibition. Medical research confirms the many health risks of smoking and tobacco usage as well as the negative effects of second-hand smoke.

The policy covers all property and vehicles owned, leased, rented, or operated by Amity University Haryana and includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes, dipping tobaccos, snuff, other smokeless tobacco, hookah, marijuana, cannabis and related electronic and other products.

The policy pertains to everyone associated with the University community including students, employees, contracted service employees, vendors and visitors.

**Communication.** The policy is published widely through various University outlets and will be included in the *Student Handbook* and *website*. Signage indicating that the University is smoke-free and tobacco-free are posted on campus. Existing policies, regulations and penalties governing smoking and tobacco usage inside university property will remain in effect as promulgated.

**Compliance**. Anyone who elects to continue to smoke or use tobacco products on public sidewalks must stay clear of any building entrances and dispose of these items properly in the designated areas provided on the periphery of the campus.

During the first few years of implementation, enforcement consisted of policy reminders by Campus Vigilance officers and other members of the community, without reprisals, along with distribution of educational material that fosters smoking and tobacco usage cessation.

**Support to Foster Smoking and Tobacco Usage Cessation.** The University will continue to sponsor programs and events that increase awareness of the negative effects and health risks of smoking and tobacco usage. The Counselling and Guidance Centre and the Health Services office offers supportive services and information for those who wish to quit smoking and tobacco usage.

The cooperation of all members of university is needed in order to ensure a healthy environment for everyone.

Registrar

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