



Institutional Handbook of Operating Procedures (IHOP)

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Scope:	This policy applies to all UTHSCT staff. Visitors and Patients are appropriately informed.
Purpose:	Effective July 1, 2004 the Health Science Center became a tobacco-free campus. The tobacco free policy was established in the interest of the health and safety of the institution's patients, employees, volunteers and the public. The purposes of this policy are to eliminate smoking and tobacco use on campus; provide a smoke free, healthful environment; reduce risks to the patients, including possible adverse effects of smoking or tobacco on treatment; reduce the risks of passive smoking; reduce the risks of fire.

POLICY:

Patients, employees, volunteers and the public are prohibited from smoking and other tobacco use on the UTHSCT campus and in all state-owned vehicles.

Restrictions:

Smoking and other tobacco use is prohibited on the UTHSCT campus. The prohibition applies not only to the buildings and grounds on the institution's campus, but also to any building controlled by UTHSCT and used in support of its mission. The prohibition also applies to use in private vehicles on the grounds. If compliance cannot be achieved, University police under the Texas Penal Code, Section 48.01, or Texas Education Code 51.202 may enforce the tobacco free and no smoking policy. The violation of the penal code provision is a Class C misdemeanor with a possible fine of \$500 per occurrence.

Employees:

State paid smoke breaks whether on or off campus, are prohibited.
Failure to comply with this policy, may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

References:

- [Texas Penal Code 48.01](#)
- Texas Education Code 51.202:
- [City of Tyler Ordinance, Chapter 4](#)