

TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is NAU's tobacco-free policy?

Northern Arizona University recognizes tobacco use as a hazard to personal and public health and prohibits smoking and the use of all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes and smokeless tobacco at all of its campuses, facilities, and in its vehicles. This includes private residences and private vehicles located within University tobacco-free zones. All University employees, students, and visitors must adhere to the University's tobacco-free policy while on NAU property.

2. Isn't this tobacco-free policy a violation of my civil or constitutional rights?

There is no "right to smoke" or use other tobacco products under federal or state law, and NAU has the authority to govern the use of tobacco on its property. Banning tobacco use at NAU facilities protects everyone from exposure to secondhand smoke and helps to keep these areas free of smoking-related litter. You are free to use tobacco outside or away from NAU property or facilities.

3. Does the tobacco-free policy apply to all NAU campuses and properties?

Yes, all property, facilities, and vehicles owned, leased, or controlled by NAU are covered by this policy.

4. Is smokeless tobacco also banned?

Yes. Because alternative tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco (known as "chew," "dip" or "snuff") are known to be detrimental to human health and safety, these products are also banned as incompatible with NAU's goal to provide healthy and clean learning, living, and working environments.

5. Can I use e-cigarettes on campus?

No, as the use of e-cigarettes is considered tobacco use for purposes of the tobacco-free policy.

6. Can I use tobacco in my own vehicle within NAU's tobacco-free zones?

No, a vehicle travelling through or parked on NAU property campus falls within the boundaries of NAU tobacco-free zones. You must move the vehicle off campus if you wish to use tobacco products in your privately-owned vehicle.

7. What are the consequences for people who violate the tobacco-free policy?

Students and employees are required to abide by all University Policies in their everyday activities at NAU. If a student or employee violates this policy, they may face disciplinary action. Repeat offenders may receive a conduct referral to Student Rights and Responsibilities or notice may be given to an employee's supervisor. Additionally, smoking within state-owned buildings or vehicles, or where otherwise prohibited, is a violation of Arizona law.