

Smoking Policy

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Finance and Operations
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Purpose

- 1.00 The university is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its employees and students. There is a solid body of medical evidence which indicates that exposure to second-hand smoke, including tobacco and cannabis smoke, is hazardous to health and can cause disease, including lung cancer, in healthy non-smokers. Exposure to second hand cannabis smoke may also expose employees and students to the psychoactive ingredients and impairing effects of cannabis. To fulfill its responsibility to providing a safe and healthy environment, the university endeavours to control involuntary exposure to harmful substances produced by smoking by restricting smoking within and on university property.
- 2.00 Provincial legislation and municipal by-laws have been enacted to regulate smoking and impairment in the workplace and to prevent exposure of second hand smoke to employees, children and youth, and non-smokers. The university must comply with the law. In addition, as an educational institution, the university should not endorse or condone practices which harm health, and should provide leadership to the community by endeavouring to eliminate a controllable health hazard.

Definitions

- 3.00 **“structure”** means outdoor patios; stadium area including seating, track, and storage facilities; fountains; bike shelters; bus stops and shelters; and any other fixture as prescribed.
- 4.00 **“smoking”** means using or holding a lit or heated apparatus for inhaling smoke, vapour, aerosol, or other emissions from tobacco, cannabis, or similar substances. Such apparatus includes, without limitation, a cigarette, cigar, pipe, or vapourizer.

Jurisdiction/Scope

- 5.00 This policy has been instituted pursuant to input from the broader university community. The Vice-President Finance and Operations is responsible for implementing the university Smoking Policy.
- 6.00 This policy applies to everyone on university owned or leased property or in a university owned or operated vehicle or boat, including but not limited to faculty, staff, students, and visitors.

Policy

- 7.00 Smoking is prohibited outside of any designated smoking area on university-owned or leased property including:
- (a) within any university-owned or leased buildings (including all student and family housing and facilities), in any building owned by the university but occupied by other parties, and Structures as identified by signage at the entrance or in the vicinity of the Structure; and
 - (b) within any university owned or leased vehicles, including boats.
- 8.00 The Vice-President Finance and Operations may designate smoking areas, including areas where cannabis can be smoked or vaped. In instances where the property is managed by UVic Properties Inc. or Heritage Realty Properties Ltd., UVic Properties Inc., or Heritage Realty Properties Ltd. may designate smoking areas.
- 9.00 Designated smoking areas, including designated cannabis smoking areas, will be established and clearly identified in compliance with municipal, regulatory, and legislative requirements.
- 10.00 Exceptions to the restrictions in this policy may be granted for traditional and ceremonial events at approved times and places.

Authorities and Officers

- 11.00 The following are the authorities and officers for this policy:
- (i) Approving Authority – Vice-President Finance and Operations
 - (ii) Designated Executive Officer – Vice-President Finance and Operations
 - (iii) Procedural Authority – Vice-President Finance and Operations
 - (iv) Procedural Officer – Vice-President Finance and Operations

Relevant Legislation

[Cannabis Act, SC 2018 c 16](#) (federal)
[Cannabis Control and Licensing Act, SBC 2018 c 28](#)
[Cannabis Distribution Act, SBC 2018 c 29](#)
[Capital Regional District Bylaw No. 2401](#) (Clean Air)
[Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, BC Reg 296/97](#)
[Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act, RSBC 1996 c 451](#)
[Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Regulation, BC Reg 232/2007](#)
[Workers' Compensation Act, RSBC 1996 c 492](#)

Related Policies and Documents

[Residence Life Community Standards](#)
[Family Housing Rental Agreement](#)