



Smoking and Using Electronic Cigarettes

POLICY STATEMENT

Cornell University expects all members of the campus community to comply with environmental, health, and safety laws and regulations. Cornell University prohibits the smoking and carrying of lighted cigars, cigarettes, or pipes, and the use of electronic cigarettes (vaping) in all indoor facilities, enclosed bus stops, and university-owned or -controlled vehicles, and within twenty-five feet of any entry to a building unless otherwise noted in this policy.

REASON FOR POLICY

The university must meet the requirements of all local and state laws.

ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY

- Ithaca-based locations
- Cornell Tech campus
- Weill Cornell Medicine campuses

WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY

- All members of the campus community

WEB ADDRESS FOR THIS POLICY

- <https://www.dfa.cornell.edu/policy/policies/smoking-and-using-electronic-cigarettes>

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RELATED RESOURCES

University Policies and Documents Applicable to All Units of the University

[Campus Code of Conduct](#)

External Documentation

Tompkins County Code Chapter 72: Smoking
City of Ithaca Municipal Code
New York State Clean Indoor Air Act
New York City Health Code
State of New York Laws

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CONTACTS

Direct any general questions about this policy to your college or unit administrative office. If you have questions about specific issues, contact the following offices.

Contacts, Ithaca Campus Units

Subject	Contact	Telephone	Email/Web Address
Policy Clarification and Interpretations	Environmental Health and Safety	(607) 255-8200	ehsdir@cornell.edu www.ehs.cornell.edu
Complaints of Violations	Facility manager or local human resources representative	Facility or unit-specific	www.fs.cornell.edu/fs/fs_facilFind.cfm https://hr.cornell.edu/about-hr/hr-contacts-college-and-unit

Contacts, Weill Cornell Campus Units

Subject	Contact	Telephone	Email/Web Address
Policy Clarification and Interpretation	Human Resources	(646) 962-9247	hrsc@med.cornell.edu
Complaints of Violations	Environmental Health and Safety	(646) 962-7233	ehs@med.cornell.edu ehs.weill.cornell.edu

Contacts, Cornell Tech Units

Subject	Contact	Telephone	Email/Web Address
Policy Clarification and Interpretation	Campus Safety/Security	(212) 309-9020	security.tech.cornell.edu security@tech.cornell.edu
Complaints of Violations	Campus Safety/Security	(212) 309-9020	security@tech.cornell.edu

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DEFINITIONS

These definitions apply to terms as they are used in this policy.

Electronic Cigarette	A personal electronic device that aerosolizes liquid or gel containing nicotine, flavorings, or other substances and produces an emission that may be absorbed or exhaled by user.
Unit	A college, department, program, research center, business service center, office, or other operating unit.

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RESPONSIBILITIES

The major responsibilities each party has in connection with this policy are as follows:

All University Community Members	Read and understand this policy. Report non-compliance to department managers of units and/or colleges for resolution or to Environmental Health and Safety.
Environmental Health and Safety	Investigate compliance issues.
Unit Head	Communicate policy provisions to faculty, students, staff members, and visitors. Inform faculty, staff members, and students of any special departmental restrictions. Resolve any problems resulting from non-compliance with this policy. Refer unresolved matters to human resources or the building manager, as applicable, for review and resolution.
University	Provide each employee with a copy of this policy upon request. Direct individuals to this policy in appropriate informational handbooks and brochures or websites. Announce applicable rules at public lectures, performances, and athletic events.

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PRINCIPLES

General Restrictions

In general, individuals are prohibited from smoking or carrying lighted cigars, cigarettes, or pipes, or using electronic cigarettes in any indoor facilities, enclosed bus stops, and university-owned or controlled vehicles, as well as within twenty-five feet of the entrance to any university-owned or controlled building. Smoking and the use of electronic cigarettes at Cornell athletic facilities is prohibited.

◆**Note:** Building layouts, window and entryway locations, and environmental factors such as air currents and prevailing winds may vary from building to building. Therefore, building coordinators or other university officials may impose rules that are more restrictive in areas surrounding buildings for which they are responsible, resulting in greater restrictions such as prohibiting smoking beyond twenty-five feet of entrances or including in the restrictions all sidewalks in front of facilities controlled by Weill Cornell Medicine. For more information, contact Environmental Health and Safety.

Exceptions

University-owned Greek Life facilities have contracts and guidelines, etc. with the university that may list exceptions to this policy.