

Information Sheet

**Purpose**

The purpose of this information sheet is to assist staff, students and those who share our campuses to understand and implement the requirements for a Smoke-free University and the [Smoke-free University Handbook chapter](#).

**Q1 Why is the University smoke-free?**

We have a legal responsibility to provide a safe workplace and to protect staff, students and visitors from the serious health risks associated with exposure to second hand smoke (passive).

The University also encourages healthier lifestyle choices for staff, students and the wider community who share and visit our campuses.

A smoke-Free University was introduced after feedback was received from members of the University community and consultation with a range of key stakeholders.

**Q2 When did the University become smoke-free?**

The University has been smoke-free at North Terrace Campus since 1 July 2010 with progressive implementation across all campuses by 1 July 2011.

**Q3 Where does the smoke-free initiative apply?**

The smoke-free initiative applies to:

- all campuses, properties, buildings, vehicles or other areas owned, controlled or leased by the University; except where a specific exemption has been granted;
- all retail vendors operating on University owned, controlled or leased premises.

Exemptions must be authorised by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

Where approved, this information will be displayed on the [HSW Website](#).

**Q4 Who is affected by the smoke-free initiative?**

Anyone who studies, works or visits University of Adelaide campuses including general public.

i.e. all persons outlined in the scope of the University's [HSW Policy Statement](#) and all persons on University premises or grounds.

**Q5 What about University residential facilities?**

The residential facilities where exemptions have been approved are displayed on the [HSW Website](#) under the smoke-free chapter of the HSW Handbook.

[Note – All exemptions have been authorised by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)].

**Q6 What do I do if I notice an increase in cigarette waste on the University campus?**

A report can be lodged with Service Delivery on 8313 4008 who will investigate and co-ordinate appropriate signage and/or waste disposal units where appropriate.

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**Q7 Is second hand smoke really harmful?**

Yes. The Cancer Council of Australia have issued a position statement on the health risks of passive smoking.

“Even small amounts of exposure to tobacco smoke can be harmful to people’s health. A smoke-free environment is the only way to fully protect non-smokers from the dangers of second-hand smoke.”

To review the position statement, refer to [Cancer Council of Australia website](#).

**Q8 Does Smoke-free University include e-cigarettes? (i.e. electronic cigarettes)**

The current [Handbook chapter](#) refers only to tobacco products, however, in line-with the [SA Parliament’s Select Committee](#) on e-cigarettes and the proposal for the sale, use and promotion of e-cigarette products to be regulated in line with the Tobacco Products Regulation Act 1997 (the Act) in SA, staff and students should be aware that in the interests of public health, the following information has been provided by [the Cancer Council of Australia](#).

“Studies increasingly show that e-cigarettes emit harmful substances. The [National Health and Medical Research Council](#) advises that e-cigarettes may expose users to chemicals and toxins such as formaldehyde, heavy metals, particulate matter and flavouring chemicals, at levels that have the potential to cause adverse health effects. For example, propylene glycol and glycerine found in e-cigarettes when overheated can produce dangerous levels of the carcinogens formaldehyde and acetaldehyde.”

For further information on e-cigarettes please refer to the [Cancer Council of Australia](#) website.

**Q9 What happens if I continue to smoke on Campus?**

You will be in contravention of University Policy.

The consequences of non-compliance with the HSW Handbook Chapter [“Smoke-free University”](#) may be addressed through the University’s disciplinary procedures.

**Q10 What happens if I refuse to stop smoking on Campus?**

- [Staff](#) breaches of this process may be addressed as misconduct.
- [Student](#) breaches may be directed to the Student Services office for actioning in accordance with the University Statute “Conduct of Students in the University”.
- [Contractors](#) in breach will be reported to the relevant University representative (e.g. University project manager, Service Provider or School/Branch representative)
- [Visitor](#) breaches will be reported to the Security Office:

North Tce (831) 35990	Waite Campus (831) 37200
Roseworthy (831) 37999	

**Q11 Will tobacco products be sold on University campuses or facilities?**

Tobacco products are not sold on University campuses or facilities.

**Q12 What support will be provided to staff and students that wish to stop smoking?**

The University actively supports staff and students who want to stop smoking.

Please visit the University’s [Healthy University Wellbeing Program](#) or visit [Quit SA](#).

**Q13 Where can I find more information on Smoke-free University?**

If you would like more information about Smoke-Free University chapter of the HSW Handbook please visit the [HSW homepage](#) or contact the local [HSW contact](#).