

Policy History
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Approving Jurisdiction: President
Administrative Responsibility: Vice President Administration
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Smoke Free Campuses and Properties Policy

A. CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its students, employees, and contractors as well as visitors to *KPU Campuses and Properties*. KPU recognizes that smoking is a serious health hazard. KPU also recognizes that *Electronic Cigarettes* and related devices have not been fully evaluated for safety, quality and efficacy by Health Canada and the effects of long term use or second hand inhalation of their vapours is uncertain.

The purpose of this policy is to protect the KPU community against environmental smoke and vapours from *Electronic Cigarettes* and related devices and *Smoke Products* as well as to comply with applicable law.

B. SCOPE AND LIMITS

This policy applies to anyone present on *KPU Campuses and Properties* and to the use of smoke and *Smoke Products* by anyone while on *KPU Campuses and Properties*.

C. STATEMENT OF POLICY PRINCIPLES

1. Smoking and the use of smoke and/or *Smoke Products* is strictly prohibited on *KPU Campuses and Properties*, except where an exemption to this policy has been applied for and granted under the *Smoke Free Campuses and Properties Procedures*.
2. The Vice President Administration, under special circumstances, may provide an exemption to this policy and permit the use of smoke and *Smoke Products* at approved times and locations (e.g., for KPU sponsored stage performances or for traditional Indigenous ceremonial events).
3. The sale of *Smoke Products*, *Electronic Cigarettes* or similar electronic devices, is strictly prohibited on *KPU Campuses or Properties*.
4. All members of the KPU community, including employees, contractors, students and visitors, share in the collective responsibility to maintain a clean, comfortable, and healthy learning and work environment. Every member of the KPU community is encouraged to remind members of

the KPU community of this policy and should report potential violations of this policy to a Supervisor, Manager or to Security.

5. KPU will strictly enforce this policy. A violation of this policy is considered to have occurred when a student, staff or visitor is witnessed holding or smoking lighted tobacco, Electronic Cigarettes or other related devices.

D. DEFINITIONS

Refer to Section A of SR3 *Smoke Free Campuses and Properties* Procedures for a list of definitions in support of this Policy.

E. RELATED POLICIES & LEGISLATION

BP2 Student Events Held on University Premises

SR1 Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages and Non-Medical Use of Drugs on University Premises

SR7 Safety and Health

ST7 Student Conduct (Non-Academic)

Occupational Health and Safety Regulation

F. RELATED PROCEDURES

SR3 Smoke Free Campuses and Properties Procedures