**Policy Name:** Tobacco-Restricted University Policy

**Policy Number:** C 16.0

**Scope**

This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, administrators, vendors, and visitors while on RIT-managed properties located in the United States (hereafter referred to as university-managed properties).

**Policy Statement**

The university is committed to facilitating a healthy working, learning, and living environment. To prevent harm to members of the RIT community and to be consistent with university wellness initiatives, smoking and use of tobacco products are restricted to designated tobacco areas on all university-managed properties. The restrictions include, but are not limited to:

- Buildings
- Parking lots, athletic fields/tracks, bleachers/grandstands, outdoor paths, fields, and roads
- Partially-enclosed areas such as covered and uncovered walkways, breezeways, outdoor dining areas, bus stop shelters, loading docks, building entrances, exterior stairways, and landings
- Vehicles owned and leased by RIT or its affiliated organizations

**Definitions**

Tobacco Products. Tobacco products are defined as combustible items (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, and pipes) and non-combustible items (including but not limited to chewing tobacco and e-cigarettes).

University-Managed Properties. University-managed properties are defined as properties owned, operated, leased, occupied, or controlled by RIT that are located in the United States.

**Exceptions**

RIT has five apartment complexes with 1,000 apartment and townhouses. The five complexes include: Colony Manor, Perkins Green, Racquet Club, Riverknoll and the University Commons. Tobacco use in these complexes is prohibited within 25 feet of any apartment or townhouse building.

Smoking or use of tobacco products is permitted by participants in a research project involving tobacco products. Any sponsored or unsponsored research involving smoking is subject to the approval of the IRB or the IACUC as appropriate, and the Director of Environmental Health and Safety.

Smoking or use of tobacco products is permitted by artists or actors who require smoking or use of tobacco products as part of artistic productions and by participants in academic research projects involving smoking or use of tobacco products, with prior approval granted by the Director of Environmental Health and Safety.
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Student Wellness, Division of Student Affairs

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