

# **University of the Creative Arts**

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## **No-Smoking Policy**

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## 1. Introduction and Purpose

The UCA-FEUC is dedicated to fostering a safe, healthy, and smoke-free environment for all students, employees, and visitors. The policy ensures compliance with the UAE Federal Law No. 15 of 2009 on Tobacco Control, applicable free zone regulations, and other relevant health and safety requirements.

### **The purpose of this policy is to provide clear guidance :**

- On the smoking prohibitions within the Institution in compliance with UAE Federal Law No. 15 of 2009 and applicable free zone and public health regulations.
- To students, faculty, staff, visitors, and contractors regarding their responsibilities in maintaining a smoke-free campus environment.
- On the prevention of exposure to second-hand smoke and to promote a safe, healthy, and compliant academic and working environment.
- On enforcement mechanisms, reporting procedures, and disciplinary actions related to violations of smoking regulations.
- To ensure institutional compliance with UAE health, safety, and environmental protection standards.

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, visitors, contractors, vendors, service providers, and any other individuals on Walsh College UAE premises. It covers all College-controlled premises, including both indoor and outdoor areas.

## 3. Policy Principles

- The Institution prioritizes the health, safety, and well-being of its community.
- Compliance with federal, free zone, and municipal health regulations is mandatory.
- Smoking is not compatible with the Institution's educational and professional environment.
- Awareness and education on the harms of smoking will be promoted.

## 4. Smoking Restrictions and Designated Areas

The College maintains a safe, smoke-free environment in accordance with UAE Federal laws and public health requirements.

### The following rules apply:

- Smoking is strictly prohibited in all indoor areas, including classrooms, offices, staircases, restrooms, staff rooms, corridors, and recreational areas.
- Smoking is prohibited in outdoor areas near building entrances and exits to prevent exposure to second-hand smoke
- The campus provides designated smoking areas located outdoors at a legally compliant distance of at least 7.5 meters from building entrances, windows, and ventilation systems, in accordance with UAE regulations.
- Smoking is only permitted within the officially designated area. Smoking elsewhere on campus constitutes a policy violation.
- No-smoking signage is displayed prominently throughout the campus.
- The use of e-cigarettes, vape devices, heated tobacco products, and similar devices is subject to the same restrictions as tobacco smoking and is **prohibited** in all indoor areas and outside designated smoking areas.

## 5. Roles and Responsibilities

All faculty and staff are responsible for monitoring compliance with the No Smoking Policy, reminding individuals of restrictions, and reporting violations. Students, visitors, contractors, and vendors must follow all smoking rules and use only designated areas. Health and Safety Officers oversee campus-wide compliance, maintain records, and ensure enforcement meets legal requirements. Campus management communicates the policy, supports enforcement, and reviews it as needed. Everyone on campus shares a collective responsibility to maintain a safe, healthy, and smoke-free environment.

## 6. Disciplinary Action

Violations of this policy will be addressed promptly to protect the safety and health of the campus community and may result in disciplinary action under the College's Code of Conduct, health and safety policies, and relevant federal laws. Repeated violations will be escalated to the disciplinary board.

## 7. Policy Review and Updates

This policy shall be reviewed annually, or as necessary, to ensure continued compliance with updates to the Ministry of Education regulations, applicable UAE federal cybersecurity and data protection laws, and any revisions to institutional governance requirements.

## 8. Revision History and Version Control

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