



Smoke-Free Policy Statement:

Smoking is not permitted on university property at Imam Ja'afar Al-Sadiq. By prohibiting smoking on campus, the university seeks to protect professors, staff, and students from any health risks and to give them a clean, smoke-free atmosphere. The university collaborates to support the university's complete smoking ban with practical activities via the unification of anti-smoking knowledge among staff, students, families, and the community. On the grounds of Imam Ja'afar Al-Sadiq University, smoking, the usage of electronic cigarettes, or the consumption of tobacco-related smoking goods is not permitted. As a result, the following rules must be followed:

- 1.** Imam Ja'afar Al-Sadiq University strictly prohibits smoking and the usage of any tobacco product or electronic cigarette.
- 2.** Smoking is not permitted in any buildings owned or maintained by Imam Ja'afar Al-Sadiq University, or at any of its sponsored or organized activities.
- 3.** On university property, tobacco products cannot be bought or disseminated.
- 4.** It is not permitted for companies connected to the tobacco industry to sponsor activities at career fairs, open days, or recruiting events.

Objectives:

Imam Ja'afar Al-Sadiq University's free smoking policy was established in 2006 and was revised in 2020. Its goal is to educate people and de-normalize smoking as a socially non-acceptable behavior, especially among young people who could otherwise develop a nicotine addiction while attending college. Additionally, it will shield neighborhood residents from campus secondhand smoking. The collaboration, consideration, and consideration of





both smokers and non-smokers are essential to the success of this strategy. Every member of the Imam Ja'afar Al-Sadiq University community is responsible for adhering to the policy and encouraging others to do the same in order to foster a secure, hygienic, and healthy working and educational environment.

Annually, conducting a number of awareness campaigns at Imam Ja'afar Al-Sadiq University aimed at educating employees, students and the local community about the harms of smoking and drugs, in cooperation with the Iraqi Ministry of Health represented by the Anti-Smoking Program. The campaign included several activities, including an explanation of the drugs that help the process of quitting smoking and how they work in the body, a model showing the difference between a smoker's lung and a healthy lung, an explanation of the components of a cigarette and its damages in the short and long term, an explanation of electronic cigarettes.

Violation of the Policy:

Members of the Imam Ja'afar Al-Sadiq University community and guests who regularly violate the regulation will face the following disciplinary actions:

- 1. Students:** In the first violation, students are reprimanded by the Deanship of Student Affairs and documented in their academic file. They are also given the necessary instructions and provide them with educational information about the tobacco-free policy, the health risks of smoking, and the smoking cessation program. If the offender is repeated, they will be warned by the university president. After that, if the violations continue, the university reserves the right to suspend them from the university for disciplinary reasons.





- 2. Non-Academic Staff:** In the first violation, employees are given an informal warning by their supervisor and documented in their work file. In addition to providing them with educational information about the tobacco-free policy, the health risks of smoking, and the smoking cessation program. In the event of a repeat violation, an official warning issued by the Director of Human Resources will be issued. If such violations are committed again, the university will reserve the right to terminate its services after three official warnings within a year of the first violation.
- 3. Academic Staff:** In the first violation, an unofficial warning is issued by their dean and documented in their file. The Dean will direct them to the rules of the Smoke-Free Policy. In the second case, a written warning is sent from the dean and a copy of it is sent to the university president. In the event of continued violations, a written warning will be issued by the President of the University, after which the Faculty Committee will meet by the Dean and the President to decide on the course of action.
- 4. Guests:** The violators will be prohibited from visiting Imam Ja'afar Al-Sadiq University properties and events if they continue to violate the rules despite repeated warnings from the security personnel or the event coordinators.

