



Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council Smoke and Tobacco-Free Workplace Policy

The Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council (BVRAC) has a vital interest in maintaining a healthy and a safe environment for its Board Members, General Membership, Staff, and visitors. BVRAC shall adhere to Section 1.18 Grantee's Certification of Meeting or exceeding Tobacco-Free Workplace Policy minimum standards. This rule identifies BVRAC leased property defined as offices and common meeting area spaces where smoking and tobacco use is restricted.

Definition: (Smoking and Tobacco) All forms of smoking and tobacco products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco.

The Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council maintains a smoke and tobacco-free office and common meeting area spaces.

- No smoking or other use of tobacco products (including, but not limited to, cigarettes, pipes, cigars, snuff, or chewing tobacco) is permitted in any part of the building.
- It is the responsibility of all members including visitors, to observe these requirements. This rule relies on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of smokers and tobacco-users for its success. Those violating this rule should be reminded of this rule and asked to comply.
- All parties with purview over facilities shall ensure that the rule is communicated to everyone who occupies space in the facility.
- This policy will extend to 30' beyond building structure to include sidewalks and parking areas.
- The administrator will provide signage upon request. Violations of this rule may result in corrective action as prescribed by the board of directors. Visitors refusing to comply may be asked to leave the facilities.

BVRAC is committed to supporting all members and staff who wish to stop using tobacco products. Information on tobacco and smoking are provided through links to Quitline at <https://www.quitnow.net/texas> and Texas Department of State Health Services <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/tobacco/links.shtm>.