

TOBACCO POLICY

The First Unitarian Universalist Church of West Volusia (1UUCWV) finds and declares that the purposes of this policy are (1) to protect the public health and welfare by prohibiting the use, sale and possession of any tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes and vaporizers on the premise; (2) to guarantee the right of nonsmokers/non-vapers to breathe smoke and vapor-free air, while recognizing that the need to breathe clean air shall have priority over the desire to smoke or vape; and (3) to encourage a healthier, more productive living/learning environment for all members of our congregation.

The Tobacco Policy applies to all 1UUCWV facilities, property and vehicles, owned or leased, regardless of location, and includes both indoor and outdoor locations. This policy applies to all persons on premises, regardless of the purpose of their visit.

Smoking, tobacco, and vaping products prohibited are defined as followed:

- Smoking, tobacco, and vaping are defined as follows: “Electronic Smoking Device” means any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the product. The term includes any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, or vape pen, or under any other product name or descriptor.
- “Smoking” means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. “Smoking” also includes the use of an electronic smoking device that creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this Article.
- “Tobacco Product” means any substance containing tobacco leaf, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco, bidis, blunts, clove cigarettes, or any other preparation of tobacco; and any product or formulation of matter containing biologically active amounts of nicotine that is manufactured, sold, offered for sale or otherwise distributed with the expectation that the product or matter will be introduced into the human body by inhalation; but does not include any cessation product specifically approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in treating nicotine or tobacco dependence.

Signs prohibiting smoking on the premises or within a specified distance from entrances shall be posted.

For further details, see the UUA smoking policy (<https://www.uua.org/action/statements/smoking-public-places>)