

# Smoking at the University of Copenhagen

**The smoking policy and smoking-related rules apply to students, staff and guests at the University of Copenhagen.**

## **Indoor smoking ban**

Smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes and other products that produce smoke or vapour<sup>1</sup>, is not permitted indoors on the University's premises.

## **Outdoor smoking ban on UCPH premises**

The University Leadership has decided that smoking outdoors, including e-cigarettes and other products that produce smoke or vapour, is not permitted on the University's premises. However, in connection with social events, smoking outdoors may be permitted after 18:00<sup>2</sup>. If the organiser of a social event allows smoking outdoors after 18:00, they are responsible for ensuring that the area is cleaned up after the event. In exceptional cases, and upon application, the University Director can grant an exemption from the outdoor smoking ban before 18:00.

## **Management responsibility**

The University Leadership is responsible for ensuring that the smoking policy and other smoking-related rules are observed and for local observance in their respective areas. If employees or students are exposed to passive smoking, they can contact their local manager/head of department. The manager is responsible for emphasising that the smoking ban must be observed.

In cases of repeated violations, the local manager/head of department must take action towards relevant employees and issue formal reprimands and warnings (see [Guidelines for the handling of breach of contract and dismissal](#)<sup>3</sup>).

Students who violate the smoking ban will be subject to *Rules concerning disciplinary measures towards students at the University of Copenhagen* of 9 February 2023 (see [The regulations for students](#)<sup>4</sup>).

## **Help with quitting**

Staff and students who want to quit smoking and need help can contact stop smoking services provided by their municipality.

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<sup>1</sup> Link to Danish Act on Smoke-Free Environments [Ministerial order on smoke-free environments \(in Danish\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Smoking – KUNet](#)

<sup>3</sup> Link to *Guidelines for the handling of breach of contract and dismissal*: <https://kUNET.ku.dk/employee-guide/Documents/HR/pp/pph/General%20Collaboration%20Committees%20guidelines%20for%20the%20handling%20of%20breach%20of%20contract%20and%20dismissal.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Link to *The regulations for students*: <https://kUNET.ku.dk/study/Disciplinary%20measures/UCPH%20disciplinary%20measures.pdf>