

RAWALPINDI WOMEN UNIVERSITY

DIRECTORATE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

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RWU DRUG AND TOBACCO ABUSE POLICY

The Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) is declared as a “Smoke & Drug Free Campus” and would follow a strict disciplinary plan for prevention as per HEC Policy on Drug and Tobacco Abuse in HEIs 2021. The policy below is applicable for RWU premises for 24 hrs including hostel premises:

To discourage drug abuse and smoking, the following penalties will be imposed, detailed below.

Drug Abuse: (Possession, use, distribution and sale of drugs is prohibited in the University. This includes “narcotic drugs” as defined in the Control of Narcotics Substances Act, 1997 as well as “psychotropic substance” listed in the Schedule to the Act, pharmaceutical drugs, sedatives and tranquilizers described in The Drugs Act, 1976 if used without a prescription or authorization, and alcohol prohibited by The Prohibition (Enforcement of Hadd) Order (4 of 1979)


For drug-related violations, following disciplinary action against students, staff, faculty and visitors will be taken:

- i. For first time offenders in case of minor infractions, the offender will be referred to the in-house counsellor/psychologist/psychiatrist to undergo medical and mental health treatment.
- ii. In the event of significant violation and/or repeated violations of this policy a warning letter will be issued and ultimately the offender will be suspended or expelled (and in case of students, notify the student’s parents).
- iii. If a student, faculty or staff member is involved in the distribution or sale of illicit drugs, the university will reserve the right to report the violator to the appropriate authorities including law enforcement agencies.
- iv. In the event a visitor is found on the premises engaging in any drug-related offense, campus security will immediately report the violation to the appropriate authorities including law enforcement agencies.

Smoking: (Smoking refers to the use of tobacco in the form of cigarettes & vapes, further smoking shall have the same meaning as it does under the Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-Smokers Health Ordinance, 2002)

For smoking-related violations, following disciplinary action against students, staff, faculty and visitors will be taken:

- i. For a first violation, a warning and a notice of displeasure will be issued.
- ii. For a second violation, suspension of student for one week or more from the premises of the university with parental notification for students and disciplinary action for faculty and staff as per regulations.
- iii. For a third violation or more, a longer suspension depending on the severity of the violation for student and further disciplinary action of faculty and staff as per regulations.
- iv. In case any visitor is found smoking in the university premises, the visitor will be fined Rs. 1,000, and further necessary action will be taken in accordance with the Anti-Tobacco Legislation.
- v. In case of any unlawful sale or distribution of tobacco on the premises of the university, the violator will be fined Rs.5,000 and will be reported to the appropriate authorities including law enforcement agencies.


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