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REQUIRED EMPLOYEE NOTICES

In addition to the [publicly available posted information](#) at each work location, employees should be aware of federal and state laws, [University Rules and Procedures](#), and [Texas A&M University System Policies & Regulations](#) that affect them in the workplace. Employees should reference these important notices on a regular basis. If you have questions about the information listed here, please speak with your supervisor or the indicated responsible office or agency, or email hr@tamut.edu.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO)

Federal regulations require that contractors and subcontractors may notify employees and applicants of their EEO rights electronically and must provide employees with knowledge that the electronically posted notice is otherwise accessible. Equal Employment Opportunity notices are available [here](#).

- [“Know Your Rights: Workplace Discrimination is Illegal” Poster](#)
- Also refer to [A&M System Policy 08.01, Civil Rights Protections and Compliance](#)

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT NOTICE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

As state employees, we are held to certain standards of conduct by the Texas State Legislature. Texas Government Code, Sections [572.051](#), [2113.014](#), [556.004](#), and [2113.013](#) serve as a reference guide for all employees, providing information on expectations, standards, and policies.



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NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES FOR MEDICAL INFORMATION

A federal regulation, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, known as the [HIPAA Privacy Rule](#) requires that we provide detailed notice in writing of our privacy practices. This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information.

COMPENSATORY TIME

Notification of the state's policy on compensatory time is an annual requirement as stated in [Texas Government Code §659.023](#). TAMUT employees should familiarize themselves with [System Regulation 31.01.09, Overtime](#) and [University Procedure 31.01.09.H0.01, Overtime](#).

In addition, online training courses accessible on TrainTraq via [Single Sign On](#), include [Comp Time Issues for Employees \(#2112755\)](#) and [Comp Time Issues for Supervisors \(#2112756\)](#).

ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT

In compliance with Federal law, Texas A&M University-Texarkana prepares an annual campus crime report to comply with the [Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act \(Clery Act\)](#).

The "[Annual Security Report](#)" provides information on campus security, crime-prevention practices, reporting crimes, drug-and-alcohol information, sexual assaults, and crime statistics showing the amount of crime occurring on campus over the last three-year period. The annual security report can be accessed on the [University Police Department](#) website, or a paper copy can be obtained by contacting their office at (903) 334-6611.

HIV/AIDS AND THE WORKPLACE

To acknowledge the serious nature of HIV and related health issues, [System Regulation 34.04.03, HIV/AIDS in the Workplace and Learning Environment](#) provides guidelines ensuring that the rights and privileges of all employees are protected.

Consistent with that regulation, the Texas Department of State Health Services provides information on methods of transmission and prevention of HIV infection and the relevant state laws via an educational [website](#) and [video](#) regarding HIV-AIDS and the Workplace. Additional information on HIV and AIDS may also be found on the Center for Disease Control's website: <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv>.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM (DAAPP) NOTICE

In accordance with requirements of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 and the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, Texas A&M University-Texarkana (TAMUT) disseminates the following information to all students and employees on an annual basis:



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- Standards of conduct that clearly prohibit the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees on its property or as part of any of its activities.
- A description of the applicable legal sanctions under local, state, or federal law for the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol.
- A description of the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol.
- A description of available drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, rehabilitation, re-entry, or employee assistance programs.
- A clear statement of the disciplinary sanctions that the university will impose on students and employees who violate the standards of conduct.

TAMUT is committed to the elimination of alcohol abuse and illicit drug use and protecting the health and safety of students and employees. Substance abuse not only disrupts the workplace but also endangers the lives of those on our campuses. We all must help prevent alcohol abuse and illicit drug use from negatively affecting the learning environment. The university expects its students and employees to cooperate in maintaining an environment free from the effects of substance abuse and to comply with laws and regulations related to the consumption, possession, sale and distribution of alcohol and other drugs.

Alcohol & Drug Program

TAMUT formally established an alcohol and drug program to address substance abuse prevention and treatment and comply with Federal Regulations such as the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991. The program provides education, intervention and referral of employees and students with substance abuse problems. [System Regulation 34.02.01, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs](#) details who is covered by these Acts, establishes procedures for random alcohol and drug testing, and specifies the consequences for substance abuse by employees.

Standards of Conduct

All TAMUT employees and students are expected to comply with federal, state and local drug laws as well as System Policies, and University Rules and Procedures. Employees and students are also required to abide by [System Policy 34.02, Drug and Alcohol Abuse](#) and [System Regulation 34.02.01, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs](#).

Employees and students are prohibited from manufacturing, possession, controlling, selling, transmitting, using, being under the influence or being a party to any illegal drug or controlled substance use on University premises or at any of its activities, including but not limited to University sponsored on or off campus activities and professional meetings attended by employees.

State law prohibits the consumption and possession of alcohol by persons under the age of 21 and the supplying of alcohol to any person under the age of 21.



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Disciplinary Sanctions

An employee who violates any of the System policies and regulations or University rules and procedures; including local, state or federal laws will be subject to University disciplinary actions, up to and including suspension without pay, transfer, demotion, reduction in salary, dismissal, and/or referral for prosecution.

Disciplinary action regarding alcohol or drug related violations by students may result in suspension or expulsion from the University and/or referral for prosecution.

Legal Sanctions

An employee or student who violates any of these alcohol or drug laws will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency and will be subject to prosecution in accordance with the law. Legal sanctions for violation of local, state and federal laws may include, but not be limited to: fines, probation, jail or prison sentences.

Misdemeanor charges:

Minor in Possession (MIP)	Class C Misdemeanor
Public Intoxication	Class C Misdemeanor
Driving Under the Influence (DUI)	Class C Misdemeanor
Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)	Class B Misdemeanor
Providing Alcohol to a Minor or Purchasing Alcohol for a Minor	Class A Misdemeanor
Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle	Class C Misdemeanor
Possession of a Dangerous Drug	Class A Misdemeanor
Providing a Dangerous Drug to Another Person	State Jail Felony
Consumption of Alcohol After Hours	City Ordinance

Sanctions/penalties:

Class C Misdemeanor:	Can include fine up to \$500, community service, alcohol education classes, and 30-day up to 180-day driver's license suspension.
Class B Misdemeanor:	Can include fine up to \$2000, community service, and 72-hour minimum confinement.
Class A Misdemeanor:	Can include fine up to \$4000, up to 1 year in jail, and 180-day driver's license suspension.
State Jail Felony:	Can include fine up to \$10,000 and 180 days to 2 years in jail.

Federal drug laws/penalties:

The possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs is prohibited by federal law. Under federal law (DEA, Title 21, Section 844), for simple possession of a controlled substance, one may be imprisoned for up to



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one year and/or fined up to \$1,000.00. For subsequent offenses, one may be imprisoned for up to three years and/or fined up to \$5,000.00. Under federal law, one may be fined up to \$8,000,000.00 and/or may be sentenced from not less than 10 years up to life in prison for trafficking in drugs. For violations of other federal drug laws, one may receive life in prison or the death penalty

Health Risks Associated with the Use of Illicit Drugs and the Abuse of Alcohol

Alcohol abuse is a prime contributor to suicide, homicide, and motor vehicle accidents and deaths. Alcohol and drug abuse can also lead to chemical dependency, premature death through overdose, brain damage, gastritis, anemia, and other physical problems.

The use of illicit drugs can result in a wide range of health problems, including seizures, heart problems, liver diseases, chronic brain dysfunctions, HIV/AIDS, other diseases and infections, and death. Substance abuse can also cause addiction, memory loss, hallucinations and paranoia.

- **Alcohol:** Effects of use include slurred speech, drowsiness, headaches, impaired judgment, decreased perception and coordination, distorted vision and hearing, vomiting, breathing difficulties, unconsciousness, coma, blackouts, toxic psychosis, physical dependence, neurological and liver damage, fetal alcohol syndrome, vitamin B1 deficiency, sexual problems, cancer, physical dependence
- **Amphetamines:** Also known as uppers, speed, meth, crack, crystal, ice, pep pills. Effects of use include increased heart rate, increased blood pressure, dry mouth, loss of appetite, restlessness, irritability, anxiety, delusions, hallucinations, heart problems, hypertension, irritability, insomnia, toxic psychosis, physical dependence.
- **Barbiturates and Tranquilizers:** Also known as barbs, bluebirds, blues, yellow jackets, red devils, roofies, rohypnol, ruffies, tranqs, mickey, flying v's. Effects of use include slurred speech, muscle relaxation, dizziness, decreased motor control, severe withdrawal symptoms, possible convulsions, toxic psychosis, depression, physical dependence.
- **Cocaine:** Also known as coke, crack, snow, powder, blow, rock. Effects of use include loss of appetite increased blood pressure and heart rate, contracted blood vessels, nausea, hyper-stimulation, anxiety, paranoia, increased hostility, increased rate of breathing, muscle spasms and convulsions, dilated pupils, disturbed sleep, psychosis, chronic cough, nasal passage injury, kidney, liver and lung damage.
- **Marijuana/Cannabis:** Also known as pot, grass, dope, weed, joint, bud, reefer, doobie, roach. Effects of use include sensory distortion, poor coordination of movement, slowed reaction time, panic, anxiety, bronchitis, lethargy, shortened attention span, suppressed immune system, personality changes, cancer, psychological dependence, physical dependence possible for some.
- **Morphine/Opiates:** Also known as M, morf, duramorph, Miss Emma, monkey, roxanol, white stuff. Effects of use can include euphoria, increased body temperature, dry mouth, "heavy" feeling in arms and legs, constipation, loss of appetite, collapsed veins, heart infections, liver disease, depressed



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respiration, pneumonia and other pulmonary complications, physical and psychological dependence.

Emotional consequences of alcohol and drug abuse are often minimized. These substances can cause personality changes which contribute to problems in dealing with family and co-workers. The personality changes may seriously impair a person, and these changes can lead to psychological problems and mental illnesses. Substance abuse may also disrupt effectiveness on the job, reduce motivation, cause legal and financial problems, and contribute to social problems.

For additional health risks associated with alcohol and drug abuse:

- [Department of Justice, Drugs of Abuse](#)
- [National Institute of Alcohol Abuse, and Alcoholism, Alcohol's Effects on Health](#)
- [Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Fact Sheets- Alcohol Use and Your Health](#)
- [National Institute on Drug Abuse](#)

Counseling Services for Employees (Employee Assistance Program)

Work/Life Solutions Program by Compsych GuidanceResources®

Office Hours: Open 24 hours Everyday

Active employees: 866-301-9623

TTY: 800-697-0353

Online: www.guidanceresources.com

App: GuidanceNow ([App Store](#)) ([Google Play](#))

Organization Web ID: TAMUS

Student Counseling Services at A&M-Texarkana

Community Resources/Emergency Information

- [Community Healthcore](#): (800) 832-1009
- [University Police Department](#): (903) 223-6611
- [AVAIL Crisis Hotline](#): (800) 832-1009
- [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#): 1-800-273- TALK (8255)
- [Alcoholics Anonymous - Texarkana](#)
- [Drug Rehab Centers in Texas](#)
- [Detox Services](#)



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CARRYING CONCEALED HANDGUNS ON TEXAS A&M-TEXARKANA PROPERTY

In accordance with the [Texas A&M University System Regulation 34.06.02, *Weapons*](#), Texas A&M-Texarkana will comply with all applicable federal and state laws, policies, and regulations, relating to carrying concealed handguns on A&M-Texarkana property. A&M-Texarkana employees will follow the [Texas A&M University-Texarkana Rule, 34.06.02.H1, *Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus*](#).

Open Carry is NOT allowed on A&M-Texarkana property.

ETHICS

The responsibility for educating and training the future leaders of the state and nation carries with it the duty to adhere to the highest ethical standards and principles. The Board of Regents (Board) of The Texas A&M University System (System) promulgates [System Policy 07.01, *Ethics*](#) to ensure that board members and all persons employed by the system, regardless of rank or position, are held to the highest ethical standards. In addition, Texas Government Code, Section 572.051 requires all state agencies to adopt a written ethics policy consistent with the standards set forth in [System Policy 07.01, *Ethics*](#).

CONSENSUAL RELATIONSHIPS

The Texas A&M University System is committed to maintaining work and educational environments that are free from conflicts of interest, favoritism, and abuse of authority. This regulation addresses amorous, romantic, and/or sexual relationships that, although consensual, may create actual or perceived ethical, discriminatory, and/or harassing situations disruptive to the member community. Information on exemptions and consequences of violating this regulation are included in [System Regulation 07.05.01 *Consensual Relationships*](#).

RISK, FRAUD, AND MISCONDUCT HOTLINE - "DO THE RIGHT THING"

The Texas A&M University System's Risk, Fraud & Misconduct Hotline provides faculty, staff, students, vendors, and members of the public with a mechanism for reporting concerns related to allegations of improprieties. The Hotline should be used to report information suggestive of fraudulent, wasteful or abusive activities. Examples of reportable issues include fraud; misuse of resources or information; violations of safety rules; inappropriate conduct, harassment, or discrimination.

Reports can be submitted 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year by accessing the [Risk, Fraud, & Misconduct](#) link in the footer information of any A&M System member's homepage, or call toll free 1-888-501-3850. If you have questions about the Risk, Fraud and Misconduct Hotline, please contact the Compliance Office at compliance@tamut.edu.



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CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

The Texas A&M University System shall provide equal opportunity for employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity through the System for faculty and staff employees.

All employees are responsible for ensuring their work and educational environments are free from discrimination, sexual harassment, and/or related retaliation. All concerns or complaints regarding any type of discrimination based on a protected status should be brought to the attention of the TAMUT Assistant Vice President & Chief Human Resources Officer, Charlotte Banks, cbanks@tamut.edu, (903) 223-3012 and/or the [U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights](https://www.ed.gov/officeofcivilrights), ocr.dallas@ed.gov, 214-661-9600. Reports can also be made anonymously through the [Risk, Fraud & Misconduct Hotline](#).

THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008

Notice of Non-Discrimination

TAMUT does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Charlotte Banks
Assistant Vice President & Chief Human Resources Officer
7101 University Avenue
Texarkana, TX 75503
cbanks@tamut.edu / (903) 223-3012

For further information, visit the [U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights](https://www.ed.gov/officeofcivilrights) or call 214-661-9600.

[The Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008](#)

TITLE IX STATEMENT AND RESOURCES

TAMUT is committed to providing an environment free from harassment or discrimination to all segments of its community, including faculty, staff, students, guests, and vendors. Harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment and discrimination are illegal under federal and state statutes, including but not limited to [Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972](#), and is prohibited. TAMUT will promptly and thoroughly investigate all complaints of discrimination, sexual harassment, and related retaliation.

[What is Title IX?](#)

[Learn More](#)



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Per [TAMUS Regulation 33.99.14, Criminal History Record Information-Employees and Applicants](#), System employees must report to their supervisor, within twenty-four (24) hours or at the earliest possible opportunity thereafter, any criminal arrests, criminal charges or criminal convictions, excluding misdemeanor traffic offenses punishable only by fine.

Failure to make the report required by this section shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action, including dismissal.

The employee's supervisor must report the arrest(s), criminal charge(s) or conviction(s) to the head of the department/unit and the member human resources department.

UPDATING EMPLOYEE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

TAMUT will use emergency contact information to inform your family or designee if you are injured or involved in an emergency while working. To keep this information current, all employees are urged to update their contact information each year. Your participation in keeping your information up to date ensures the University has accurate information for emergency contacts and demographics for federal, state and university reporting compliance.

To access and update your emergency contact information, log on to [SSO](#); select **Workday**; from your profile, select **Contact**; select **Emergency Contacts**; click **Edit** to review and/or update your emergency contact information; click **Submit** and **Done**.

SELF-IDENTIFICATION OF MILITARY STATUS

U.S. Military status demographics help The Texas A&M University System meet federal and state reporting requirements. While you are not obligated to respond, the information you provide is important and will remain confidential in accordance with applicable federal and state regulations.

Please view and/or update your military status in [Workday](#):

- From your profile, select **Actions**
- Select **Personal Data**
- Select **Edit Personal Information**

SELF-IDENTIFICATION OF DISABILITY

We are required to provide equal opportunity to qualified people with disabilities. To help us measure how well we are doing, we are asking you to provide us information regarding your disability. The disclosure of this information is entirely voluntary, and no adverse action will result from providing this information or from declining to provide it.



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Because a person may become disabled at any time, we are required to ask all employees to update their information every five (5) years.

How do I know if I have a disability?

You are considered to have a disability if you have a physical or mental impairment or medical condition that substantially limits a major life activity or if you have a history or record of such an impairment or medical condition.

Please view and/or update your personal data in [Workday](#):

- From your profile, select **Actions**
- Select **Personal Data**
- Select **Change Self-Identification of Disability**

SELF-IDENTIFICATION OF RACE, ETHNICITY, AND GENDER

Completion of this information is voluntary and will not affect your opportunity for employment, or the terms or conditions of your employment.

If you choose not to self-identify your race/ethnicity, the federal government requires A&M-Texarkana to determine this information by visual survey and/or other available information and processes.

Please view and/or update your personal data in [Workday](#):

- From your profile, select **Actions**
- Select **Personal Data**
- Select **Edit Personal Information**

EXTERNAL EMPLOYMENT

Full-time employees are expected to devote their time to their assigned duties and responsibilities on a full-time basis. Permission to engage in external consulting or other outside employment may be granted in accordance with policies and regulations if all the following conditions are met:

- Permission to engage in the employment is requested and received prior to the time the employee accepts external employment
- Activities related to the external employment are not reasonably expected to interfere with the regular work of the employee
- The employee complies with all applicable laws and professional standards of conduct, including conflicts of interest standards



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- The employee certifies that research performed in connection with the external employment will be conducted in an objective and scientific manner and in accordance with the highest ethical standards of the employee's profession
- An approval process for consulting or other outside employment related to a faculty member's field or discipline is used and adopted in accordance with the regulation

Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in withdrawal of permission to engage in external employment.

Request and Approval Forms

[Faculty Consulting and External Professional Employment \(DocuSign PowerForm\)](#) - To be completed for faculty consulting/external professional employment related to the faculty member's professional discipline ([System Regulation 31.05.01, Faculty Consulting and/or External Professional Employment](#)).

[External Employment \(DocuSign PowerForm\)](#) - Governs all external employment of employees of The Texas A&M University System other than faculty covered by [System Regulation 31.05.01, Faculty Consulting and/or External Professional Employment](#) and includes external employment by faculty members that is not directly related to their professional discipline ([System Regulation 31.05.02 External Employment](#)).

Note: External Employment requests will not be granted for a period longer than one year. All authorizations, regardless of length, will terminate on August 31 of the current fiscal year. All employees/faculty members must reapply for authorization each fiscal year, defined as September 1 – August 31.