

# Smoking Policy – Residents

Highlights	Policy Statement
Responsibility:	It is the policy of this facility to establish and maintain safe resident smoking practices.
Policy:	<b>Policy Interpretation and Implementation</b>
Standards	<p>All facility personnel, residents, and visitors</p> <p>1. It is the policy of that smoking is only allowed in designated smoking areas.</p> <p><b>STANDARDS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Smoking is a resident privilege, not a right. That privilege may be revoked by the physician and/or the facility if the health and/or safety of the individual, other residents or staff is threatened.</li><li>All residents who desire to smoke will have a smoking assessment performed by a qualified member of the Social Services Department to determine if they are safe to smoke independently. The assessments will be reviewed by an interdisciplinary team for determination of appropriate interventions, if needed as well as care plan development.</li><li>Smoking risk assessments are performed quarterly and with any changes which could affect the safety of the resident. These assessments are reviewed by the interdisciplinary team for agreement and planning of interventions.</li><li>Residents who, based on the smoking risk assessment, do not require supervision may keep their own smoking material in their possession and are considered <u>independent smokers</u>.</li><li>For residents who, based on the smoking risk assessment, require supervision:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><u>Modified Supervision</u><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>May meet most criteria of an independent smoker, but does not observe some aspect of safety (for example, gives out cigarettes).</li><li>Except for the above, observes all smoking rules with prompts.</li><li>Cannot carry lighter or matches.</li><li>Goes to smoke at designated areas only.</li></ol></li><li><u>Supervised</u><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Demonstrates unsafe behavior in the use of smoking and/ or lighting materials.</li><li>Cannot state rules.</li><li>May not carry smoking materials or lighters. Smoking materials will be labeled with the residents name behind the nursing station locked in the medication room.</li><li>May smoke only with staff supervision.</li></ol></li></ol></li><li>Residents who meet the criteria for “supervised” based on the smoking risk assessment will be permitted to smoke only with a staff member from any department present to supervise.</li><li>A resident requiring special precautions may not carry smoking / lighting materials. Special precautions are applied for residents on suicide precautions, 1:1 observation, delusional, hallucinating, or considered a high risk by the Interdisciplinary Team. These residents will be placed on precautions and maintained on precautions until the resident is out of the crisis or transferred to an appropriate level of care. The “supervised” status guidelines will be utilized.</li></ol>

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8. Matches and lighters may not be left in the possession of any resident requiring any level of supervision or special precautions. Cigarettes, cigars or pipes will be lit by a staff member for these residents.
9. Independent and “modified supervision” smokers may smoke in the designated areas at any time. Supervised smokers may smoke in the designated area only when supervised by a staff member during designated smoking times or any time when accompanied by a responsible family member or other visitor.
10. Ashtrays of non-combustible materials and safe design shall be provided in smoking areas.
11. Persons bringing smoking materials to residents must check with the nurse in charge before leaving such items with residents.
12. Smoking is prohibited outside of designated smoking areas. This includes resident rooms, bathrooms, dining room, activities room or any other non-smoking area.
13. Compliance by residents and visitors is expected and will be sought with compassion, tact, diplomacy and the exercise of appropriate judgment.
14. Residents’ non-compliance with this policy/contract will lead to restriction of privileges.
  - a. Residents who:
    - i. Smoke in non-designated areas.
    - ii. Are unsafe in any way with smoking materials.
    - iii. Acquire smoking materials from under another resident.
    - iv. Smoke without staff supervision.
    - v. Collect discarded smoking materials.
    - vi. Attempt to take another residents smoking materials.
    - vii. Selling cigarettes to others
    - viii. Giving cigarettes to residents who require supervision
    - ix. Intimidating others for cigarettes.
  - b. For any of the behaviors listed above:
    - i. Independent/ modified smokers will revert to supervised status for one week. If the resident has repeated (more than three) occurrences, they will be reviewed for permanent supervised status.
    - ii. For supervised smokers the source of materials will be determined and addressed if necessary, the resident will be put on checks for three consecutive shifts for presence of smoking materials.
15. Continued non-compliance to resident responsibilities and facility policy may be cause for involuntary relocation.
16. All employees shall receive training in emergency procedures and evacuation techniques should an accident occur as a result of smoking (See Fire and Disaster Procedures).
17. Tobacco products and smoking materials will not be sold in the facility.
18. Protective devices are available in the designated smoking area and will be applied for the safety of the resident, as needed. These include, but are not limited to smoking aprons, fire blankets, etc.
19. A fire extinguisher is located within close proximity to the designated smoking area(s).