

## 15. Smoke-Free Environment (Sample # 2 - for Health Care Facilities)

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Policy: **No Smoking Policy**

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Approved by:

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**Purpose:** (Company name) is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for employees, patients, volunteers, students, visitors, physicians and contractors. This keeps the focus of health care as much on prevention of illness as it is on the treatment of disease. Therefore, (company name) will maintain a smoke-free environment.

Smoking has many proven health risks for both the smoker and non-smoker exposed to second hand smoke. Smoking prior to surgery increases the risk of infection and postoperative complications<sup>1</sup>. The most frequently diagnosed cancer in Ontario is lung cancer and it is the most preventable<sup>2</sup>.

### **Policy**

The (Company name) is a 100% smoke-free health care facility.

1. All persons on company property including the parking lots and grounds are prohibited from smoking. Smoking is allowed on public property such as City maintained sidewalks or beyond the tree line should there be no sidewalk.
2. Smoking while in a vehicle that is parked on company property is prohibited.
3. It is the responsibility of all managers, employees and physicians of (company name) to communicate, promote and support this policy.

### **ENFORCEMENT:**

- All staff, physicians, volunteers, students, visitors, patients and contractors are expected to comply with the Smoke-Free Environment Policy. Prior to reporting anyone who is found violating the policy, all staff, physicians, volunteers, students, visitors, patients and contractors of (company name) should direct the individual(s) who is smoking to the nearest public property if they wish to continue smoking.

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<sup>1</sup> Ontario Anesthesiologist, "Stop Smoking for Safer Surgery", letter to Mr. Paul Collins dated June 30, 2009

<sup>2</sup> Canadian Tobacco Use Monitoring Survey 2005-Canadian Cancer Society website  
[http://www.cancer.ca/Ontario/Prevention/Quit%20smoking/OD-Ontario%20tobacco%20stats.aspx?sc\\_lang=en](http://www.cancer.ca/Ontario/Prevention/Quit%20smoking/OD-Ontario%20tobacco%20stats.aspx?sc_lang=en).

- Violations are to be reported to any Manager or to Security.
- Employee infractions will be addressed through progressive discipline up to and including termination as outlined in the Employee Corrective Action Policy.
- Visitors who are observed to be non-compliant with the Smoke-Free Environment Policy should be reminded that there is no smoking on the property. If they continue to be non-compliant, call Security at which point they will be directed to leave the property by security and/or individual in charge of the area. In the event that a person refuses to comply with leaving property, the person may be charged under the Trespass to Property Act.
- Upon registration, patients will be informed of the Smoke-Free Environment Policy. When they are identified as a smoker through the nursing evaluation, the "Smoking Information Sheet" will be provided and discussed with the patient outlining the policy as well as offering nicotine replacement therapy (NRT).

**Signage:**

No smoking signs will be prominently displayed at all entrances and other appropriate locations.

**Departments Affected**

All departments

**References**

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## **Additional Smoke-Free Policies and Resources**

Smoke- Free Ontario

<http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/en/smoke-free/>

Smoke-Free Ontario Act

[http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/updates/archives/hu\\_04/hu\\_tobacco\\_leg.html](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/public/updates/archives/hu_04/hu_tobacco_leg.html)

Canadian centre for Occupational Health and Safety

[http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/psychosocial/ets\\_resolutions.html](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/psychosocial/ets_resolutions.html)

Sample Workplace Smoke-Free Policy

[http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/psychosocial/ets\\_resolutions.html#\\_1\\_14](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/psychosocial/ets_resolutions.html#_1_14)

Resources on Smokefree Workplace Policies

<http://www.globalsmokefree.com/gsp/ficheiro/116%2B.pdf>

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