

Houlton Regional Hospital Safety Policy

Re: Smoking (Use of Tobacco Products)

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Policy: In accordance with Maine tobacco laws 22 M.R.S.A., smoking and the use of tobacco products by staff, patients, and visitors in and around Houlton Regional Hospital is prohibited.

Rule:

- Houlton Regional Hospital has designated personal vehicles as the smoking area.
- Visitors and staff members may only smoke in a vehicle.
- No smoking signs have been posted at all entrances to all facility buildings.
- Smoking is defined as carrying or having in one's possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other object giving off or containing any substance giving off tobacco smoke.
- Employees working outside of daylight hours shall be allowed to park their vehicles in close proximity to the Emergency or Hospital front entrance to ensure safety, subject to common sense needs for patient parking space.