

Policy

Mayo Regional Hospital Smoke-Free,
Tobacco-Free Campus

Policy #

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I. Purpose:

- To define Mayo Regional Hospital's approach to a smoke-free campus for patients, employees and visitors.
- To maintain a safe and healthy environment for patients, visitors and employees, the Hospital has adopted a Smoke-Free Campus Policy. Additionally, as a healthcare institution, Mayo Regional Hospital recognizes that it is incongruent to our Mission to enable an activity that has proven to degrade health and lead to serious illness. The Hospital also recognizes the impact of smoking on those who do not smoke.
- Support Mayo Regional Hospital's Mission within the region of assisting all in achieving the highest level of health.
- Fulfill our leadership role as a source for health, healing and education with an emphasis on wellness and health promotion.

II. Policy:

- There will be no smoking or other use of tobacco products in all buildings, on the grounds, and in all leased or rented space where Mayo Regional Hospital employees work. Smoking in parking areas will only be allowed inside employee vehicles.
- Patients will be offered information, withdrawal medications and cessation assistance as appropriate.
- Employees will be offered information and referred to resources both within and external to the organization to assist them with complying with the policy.
- This policy applies to all employees, patients, visitors, physicians, allied health professionals, vendors, students, and volunteers.
- Smoking and/or other use of tobacco products is prohibited in vehicles owned by Mayo Regional Hospital.

III. Responsibility:

- It is the responsibility of physicians to educate their patients about the Smoke-Free Campus Policy prior to admission to the hospital.
- It is the responsibility of hospital employees who notice violations to make the individual aware of the Hospital policy. When alerting or reminding others of the Hospital policy, understanding, respect, tact, and good manners are to be employed.
- It is the responsibility of the hospital to notify patients and family of the policy through appropriate printed materials, signage and verbal notification.

- It is the responsibility of the Patient Registration staff to review the Smoke-Free Campus Policy with patients and family at the time of pre-admission or admission to the hospital.
- The hospital will locate signage on campus and at affiliated locations advising people that Mayo and affiliated campuses are smoke free facilities.