

Smoke-Free (Tobacco-Free) Policy

POLICY STATEMENT:

Smoking and the use of tobacco products is prohibited in Maine Medical Center buildings and vehicles, on all Medical Center property and grounds, except in designated locations, and within 50 feet of any entrance or commonly used passage way. At the Bramhall campus designated site(s) are established on hospital property, remote from building entrances and minimally visible.

RATIONALE:

Maine Medical Center is committed to the prevention of disease, the promotion of health and healing. Tobacco use, smoking and Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) pose serious health/safety risks and undermine medical treatment.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to patients, employees, volunteers, visitors, contracted workers and medical staff.

RESPONSIBILITY/ENFORCEMENT:

- It is the responsibility of physicians to educate patients about the smoke-free policy before they are admitted to the hospital.
- It is the responsibility of managers to enforce the policy with employees. Employees are subject to disciplinary action if this policy is disregarded.
- It is the responsibility of all employees, including security, to enforce the policy with visitors. Security Officers will identify and document willful employee violation of this policy and so notify them and their managers.
- It is the responsibility of the Admitting Office and Emergency personnel to review this policy with any patients at the time of admission or pre-admission to the hospital.

PREVENTION:

Maine Medical Center will not sell tobacco products and supports efforts to protect everyone from Environmental Tobacco Smoke and reduce youth use of tobacco products.

WITHDRAWAL/CESSATION RESOURCES:

Patients are to be offered information, withdrawal medications and cessation assistance as appropriate. Employee tobacco cessation efforts will be supported through institutional insurance programs and other promotional and counseling programs.

EOC Committee Chair

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