

Policy / Procedure	Facility:
Subject: Smoking	Effective:
Approved by:	Date:
Revision:	Date:

1. No cigarettes or lighters are to be kept in resident rooms.
2. Smoking is only permitted under the supervision of a staff member in the facility's designated smoking area during the facility's designated smoking times: From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at each hour, with fifteen minutes allotted for each smoking time
3. The designated smoking area will use ashtrays made of noncombustible material and safe design, will have metal containers with self closing covers for emptying ashtrays, and have fire extinguishers available.
4. Oxygen use is prohibited in the resident smoking area, and a sign will be posted stating this.
5. The smoking area will prevent second hand smoke from reaching other residents.
6. The supervising staff member will:
 - a. Hand out and light the residents' cigarettes and supervise and maintain the safety of the residents during smoking.
 - b. Ensure that all cigarettes are safely extinguished at the end of the smoking time.
 - c. Notify the Unit Nurse when a resident's ability to smoke safely is in question.
7. On admission, the Unit Nurse will:
 - a. Ascertain the resident's wishes about smoking, and respect the resident's decision.
 - b. Assess the resident's ability to smoke safely by completing a smoking assessment that includes an evaluation of the resident's safety awareness, judgment, cognitive ability, and manual dexterity.
 - c. Instruct the resident about the facility policy on smoking: locations, times, and safety concerns.
 - d. Mark the resident's cigarettes with the resident's name, and keep them in the locked supply room.
 - e. Assign a staff member to supervise the resident smoking sessions each shift.
 - f. Instruct staff members to:
 - i. Notify the Charge Nurse immediately if it is suspected the resident has violated the facility smoking policy or if the resident's clothing or skin has signs of cigarette burns.
8. The MDS Nurse will evaluate each resident who smokes for smoking safety with every MDS assessment, and the resident's need for supervision will be documented in the resident's care plan. The information will be available to staff members, and will be updated with any change in the resident's capabilities and needs.
9. The facility's safety committee will review the facility's smoking policy, procedures, and designated smoking area each year.