



## Smoking Policy

**POLICY:** *(For facilities that permit smoking on facility property)*

When the resident requests to smoke, the interdisciplinary team will assess the resident's capabilities and deficits to determine appropriate supervision and assistance. Smoking will only be allowed in designated **(outdoor)** area(s) in the facility that are not near flammable substances or where oxygen is in use. Residents, resident representatives and visitors will be informed of the facility smoking policy.

### OBJECTIVE OF THE SMOKING POLICY

The objective of this policy is to complete an assessment when a resident requests to smoke, to determine the level of supervision, assistance and individualized approaches required for safety. In addition, the Smoking Policy outlines the designated areas, notices, education and requirements for smoking on the facility property to ensure precautions are taken for the resident's individual safety as well as the safety of others in the facility.

### PROCEDURE:

1. Smoking will only be permitted in the following designated areas: **(List)**. Smoking is prohibited in all other areas.
2. No residents with oxygen in use are permitted in the designated smoking area(s). No oxygen containers/tanks/materials or other flammable substances are permitted in the designated smoking area(s).
3. Smoking will only be permitted by **(list—i.e. residents, staff, visitors, etc.)**.
4. Visitors will be educated on the smoking policy by **(list)**
5. Any resident choosing to smoke will be assessed by a member of the Interdisciplinary Team utilizing the Smoking Evaluation Form. This assessment will be completed upon admission, quarterly, with a change of condition and as needed. Individualized approaches and directions for safety and assistance will be documented in the resident plan of care and communicated to direct care staff. Documentation will detail situations when resident is not allowed to smoke
6. Education about the Smoking Policy will be provided to the resident/resident representative.
7. The designated smoking times include: **(facility to designate)**
8. **(Include Additional guidance for signage, prohibiting smoking by residents classified as not responsible and disposal of smoking materials can be found in NFPA 101, the Life Safety Code at 19.7.4.)**
9. **Insert State specific guidance here.**

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## Electronic Cigarettes

Electronic Cigarettes are battery-powered devices that deliver nicotine by producing a heated vapor. Fires and/or explosions caused by e-cigarettes can happen, but are rare. Most occur during charging of the battery.

Procedure:

1. Any resident choosing to smoke an electronic cigarette, will be assessed by a member of the interdisciplinary Team utilizing the Smoking Evaluation Form. This evaluation will be completed upon admission, quarterly, with a change of condition and as needed. Individualized approaches and directions for safety and assistance will be documented in the resident plan of care and communicated to direct care staff. Documentation will detail situations when the resident is not able to use the electronic cigarette.
2. If a resident chooses to smoke electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes, vapes, vaporizers, vape pens, etc.) they must smoke them in designated smoking areas outside.
3. Charging of the e-cigarette should only be accomplished using power sources approved by the manufacturer to recharge the lithium-ion battery (i.e. those that came with the device).
4. Do not charge the e-cigarette overnight
5. Replace the battery/batteries if wet or damaged

## References:

- NFPA 101 The Life Safety Code at 19.7.4:  
<http://www.nfpa.org/codes-and-standards/all-codes-and-standards/list-of-codes-and-standards/detail?code=101>
- CMS State Operations Manual, Appendix PP – Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities:  
<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/GuidanceforLawsAndRegulations/Downloads/Advance-Appendix-PP-Including-Phase-2-.pdf>
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA): Vapes, E-Cigs, Hooka Pens and other Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS):  
<https://www.fda.gov/tobaccoproducts/labeling/productsingredientscomponents/ucm456610.htm#manufacturing>
- U.S. Fire Administration (FEMA): Electronic Cigarette Fires and Explosions:  
[https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/electronic\\_cigarettes.pdf](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/electronic_cigarettes.pdf)