

# **Resident Smoking Policy**

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## **Policy Statement**

Our facility has been designated a resident smoke-free facility as of 6/1/08.

## **Procedure**

1. "Smoking" means having in one's possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or any device designed to produce the effect of smoking (ex. Vaping); and or, having in one's mouth "chewing tobacco" or any substance designed to produce the effect of chewing tobacco. This excludes products that are FDA approved for smoking cessation such as nicotine gum, nicotine lozenges or patches.
2. Smoking materials, cigarettes, matches, lighters or any other incendiary devices may not be kept in the resident's room or nursing home common areas.
3. Smoking policy is in admission packet and reviewed with applicants prior to admission. Smoking policies will be reviewed with residents, their families and employees periodically for refresher as needed.
4. A "Resident Smoking Assessment" will be performed on all residents who request to smoke.
5. Residents who are deemed capable of smoking, according to the "Resident Smoking Assessment", may smoke outside the facility, at least twenty-five (25) feet away from the building, with the supervision of a friend or family member, in the designated area.
6. Residents must wear a smoking apron.
7. Failure to comply with this Smoking Policy will result in revocation of smoking privileges.