
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF SWEETWATER COUNTY
POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Subject: Tobacco Free Campus

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Title

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Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County a healthcare provider recognizes that tobacco use is a serious risk not only directly to the users, but also to any individual breathing the same air as the person smoking. Therefore, in consideration of the health of the employees, medical staff, visitors, community and patients, MHSC is committed to providing a smoke / tobacco free environment. **(Tobacco use including, but not limited to cigarettes, pipes, cigars, chew, snuff and dip) is not permitted anywhere on hospital premises and grounds.** Smoking or any other tobacco use will not be permitted by anyone on hospital property. "Hospital Property" is defined as but not limited to property that is owned or leased by the hospital and surrounding areas, such as sidewalks, walkways, parking lots and driveways under the hospital's ownership or control. This policy applies to all hospital-owned or leased vehicles and all vehicles that come onto hospital property.

This policy applies to employees, medical staff, patients and visitors. Employees and medical staff and community will be given information concerning the hospitals free or low cost tobacco use cessation program including counseling and nicotine replacement therapy. Individuals must be a participant in the tobacco free program to receive low or no cost patches, gum, lozenges or prescribed medications such as Wellbutrin, Zyban or Chantix.

There Will Be No Exceptions To The Tobacco Use Policy

Any employee found to be in violation of the tobacco policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.
