

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF SWEETWATER COUNTY
ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING

STANDARD POLICY & PROCEDURE
SECTION 100 – ADMINISTRATION
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TITLE: TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENT
FORMULATED BY: TOBACCO AD-HOC COMMITTEE
ORIGINATION DATE: JUNE 2, 2006
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EFFECTIVE DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2006

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a healthy environment for staff, physicians, volunteers, patients, visitors, contractors and other guests. Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County recognizes the serious healthcare issues associated with tobacco use, and is implementing a tobacco-free environment, both indoors and outdoors.

POLICY

Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County, or MHSC, will provide a tobacco-free and smoke free environment, including all buildings, grounds and vehicles. Tobacco products include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe smoking, chewing tobacco, snuff and dip.

BACKGROUND

Hospital campuses nationwide are eliminating tobacco use, a trend that provides a healthier environment for everyone. We believe this effort:

- Demonstrates our commitment to improve the health of the community.
- Creates a healthier environment for everyone who visits the campus by eliminating second-hand smoke, including staff and medical practitioners.

PROCEDURE

- Tobacco-free signage posted at all entrances to Memorial Hospital, grounds and buildings. (Please refer to map indicating campus area).
- Tobacco-free environment information available in the lobbies of the hospital.
- All patients and visitors will be informed that Memorial Hospital has a Tobacco/Smoke Free Environment Policy.
- Nicotine replacement gum and/or candy are available for those visitors requesting nicotine replacement.
- Nicotine replacement therapy is available to in-patients with a physician's order. Clinical team members are to reference the guidelines located in the departments as they relate to in-patients, and the use of nicotine replacement therapy. These guidelines are available to other areas of the hospital, to include but not limited to admission, laboratory, medical imaging, etc.
- Nicotine replacement therapy is available to all staff members upon their request.
- Leadership team members will educate the employees to the policy.
- Compliance with the tobacco-free policy is mandatory for all employees, visitors, patients, physicians, volunteers, contract workers, etc. with no exceptions. Employees who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action.
- Any questions regarding this policy should be addressed to the Human Resources Department.