

Regional Health Authority Smoking Policies

RHA	Aspen Regional Health Authority	Calgary Health Region	Capital Health Region	Chinook Health Region	Crossroads Regional Health Authority	David Thompson Health Region	East Central Regional Health Authority	Headwaters Health Authority	Keewatinok Lakes Regional Health Authority
POLICIES									
Policy Implementation Date	☑ 1998	☑ 2000	☑ 2002	☑ 2003	☑ 2001	☑ 2000	☑ 1996	☑ 2002	☑ 2000
Health region (prior to April 2003)	11	4	10	1	9	6	7	3	15
General Policy Details									
All RHA owned or operated buildings and facilities are SMOKE FREE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
All RHA owned or leased vehicles are designated SMOKE FREE	✓	✓				✓		✓	
No smoking on RHA grounds or in parking lots		✓							
Smoking in designated outdoor areas only	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓
Smoking prohibited near building entrances (and within XX meters of an entrance, if applicable)			✓			9m	✓	15m	
Smoking prohibited near windows, air intake or external ventilation ducts and/or air handling equipment						9m			
Community Care									
All clients receiving home care asked to refrain from smoking (1) one hour prior to and during a home visit		✓						✓	
Exemptions to Smoke Free Indoor Policy									
Smoking permitted in designated smoking areas (or separately ventilated smoking rooms) for special client populations which may include:	* Special consideration for some patients (e.g. for compassionate reasons)								
Continuing care patients/residents	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mental health inpatients		✓	✓	✓					
Palliative care patients		✓	✓				✓		
*Some designated patients		✓	✓			✓			
Culturally related ceremonial use of tobacco permitted		✓							
Contracted Services									
Future agreements with agencies or facilities funded primarily by the RHA shall require the agency or facility to have a similar non-smoking policy		✓							

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Support for Staff									
Financial support to attend smoking cessation program		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Smoking cessation aids available through employee benefits plan		✓	✓					✓	
Cessation program information and self-help resources available	✓	✓		✓				✓	
Support for Patients									
Smoking cessation aids on the hospital formulary (prescribed by a physician)		✓	✓						
Quit smoking/cessation program information available	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Staff training in Clinical Tobacco Interventions provided		✓							
Support for Visitors									
NRTs available at outpatient pharmacy		✓							
Enforcement & Signage									
“No Smoking” signs will be posted in prominent locations		✓	✓	✓					
Compliance protocol in place for staff	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Compliance protocol in place for patients		✓	✓	✓		✓			
Compliance protocol in place for visitors		✓	✓	✓		✓			
Notification									
Patients/clients advised of smoke-free policy at time of admission		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
Home care clients advised of smoking policy		✓		✓				✓	
All employees/candidates advised of smoke-free policy		✓		✓			✓	✓	
Visitors advised of smoke-free policy		✓		✓			✓	✓	
Tobacco Marketing									
Sale of tobacco products on health authority property is prohibited	✓								

Disclaimer: Inventory of Alberta Regional Health Authority Smoking Policies, updated June 24, 2003

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