

# Regional Health Authority Smoking Policies

RHA	Lakeland Regional Health Authority	Mistahia Health Region	Northern Lights Regional Health Authority	Northwestern Health Services Region	Palliser Health Authority	Peace Health Region	Regional Health Authority #5	WestView Regional Health Authority
<b>POLICIES</b>								
<b>Policy Implementation Date</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1997	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1997
Health region (prior to April 2003)	12	13	16	17	2	14	5	8
<b>General Policy Details</b>								
All RHA owned or operated buildings and facilities are SMOKE FREE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
All RHA owned or leased vehicles are designated SMOKE FREE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
No smoking on RHA grounds or in parking lots								
Smoking in designated outdoor areas only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Smoking prohibited near building entrances (and within XX meters of an entrance, if applicable)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		10m		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Smoking prohibited near windows, air intake or external ventilation ducts and/or air handling equipment								
<b>Community Care</b>								
All clients receiving home care asked to refrain from smoking (1) one hour prior to and during a home visit								
<b>Exemptions to Smoke Free Indoor Policy</b>								
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mental health inpatients	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Palliative care patients								
*Some designated patients	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Culturally related ceremonial use of tobacco permitted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
<b>Contracted Services</b>								
Future agreements with agencies or facilities funded primarily by the RHA shall require the agency or facility to have a similar non-smoking policy		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

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<b>Support for Staff</b>								
Financial support to attend smoking cessation program	✓				✓			✓
Smoking cessation aids available through employee benefits plan								
Information and self-help resources available	✓							✓
<b>Support for Patients</b>								
Smoking cessation aids on the hospital formulary (prescribed by a physician)								
Quit smoking/cessation program information available	✓							✓
Staff training in Clinical Tobacco Interventions provided								
<b>Support for Visitors</b>								
NRTs available at outpatient pharmacy								
<b>Enforcement &amp; Signage</b>								
"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								
<b>Notification</b>								
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	✓	✓						
<b>Tobacco Marketing</b>								
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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