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## POLICY

Agapé Hospice strives to maximize a Resident's quality of life while receiving end of life care. However, in keeping with legislative requirements, Residents, visitors, and staff are not allowed to smoke tobacco products on the premises of the hospice.

## DEFINITIONS

"Smoke" as defined in the Alberta Tobacco Reduction Act, means to smoke, hold or otherwise have control over a lit tobacco product.

"Tobacco product" as defined in the Alberta Tobacco Reduction Act, means a product composed in whole or in part of tobacco, including tobacco leaves and any extract of tobacco leaves.

***Signage will be posted and continuously displayed indicating that smoking is prohibited on Agapé Hospice property***

## PROCEDURE

1. **Residents, visitors, family members and staff (employees, physicians, volunteers, and contractors)** must leave Agapé Hospice property to smoke.
2. Residents must be accompanied by a family member/visitor or authorized person if supervision is required while smoking. If it is deemed that a Resident is capable and safe to smoke unattended, the Resident may go off the property to smoke on their own.
3. The attending physician will make Residents aware of the smoking cessation products available to them.
4. Employees wishing to stop smoking are encouraged to discuss this with their family doctor or with a representative from the Employee Assistance Program.
5. Any person found using tobacco products will be made aware of the current smoking policy.
6. Any person who receives a verbal warning and continues to disregard the smoking policy may be subject to:
  - a. Staff – disciplinary action.
  - b. Visitors/Family members – prevented from visiting



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7. Employees who are confronted with a non-compliant person are to contact the Executive Director or designate. If deemed necessary by staff, regional security or the Calgary Police Services may be contacted.

Regional Security - 403-955-7600  
Calgary Police Service - (9)911

### **CROSS-REFERENCE**

[Policy # 0932 - Alcohol and Substance Use \(Residents, Family Members and Visitors\)](#)

[Policy # 0701 – Spiritual Care Statement of Purpose and Services](#)

### **REFERENCE**

Alberta Health Services (AHS) – Tobacco and Smoke Free Facilities, Alberta – November 2014, effective June 1, 2014 legislation will also include minimum pack sizes for specific tobacco products and ban certain flavoured tobacco products  
Government – Tobacco Reduction Act – January 1, 2008, amended November 7, 2013, Bill 33. These amendments deal with the following 5 areas:

1. Prohibiting the selling and giving (known as “furnishing”) of tobacco products to minors in public places.
  - This means that there would be an Alberta law making it illegal for retailers to sell tobacco products to individuals under 18 years of age.
  - Also, retailers would be required to ID anyone who appears to be under 25 years of age before providing them with tobacco products.
  - This is aimed at further preventing minors from obtaining tobacco products.
2. Requiring that some tobacco products be sold in minimum package sizes.
  - This means that some tobacco products would have to be sold in packages containing a minimum number of units. The minimum number of units would be set out in regulation, and the products to which this applies would be listed in regulation.
  - This amendment is intended to make tobacco products less affordable for young people.
3. Prohibiting the smoking of tobacco-like products in the same locations where the smoking of tobacco products is prohibited.
  - Generally speaking, tobacco-like products are products, other than tobacco products, composed of plants or plant products.
  - This amendment would prohibit the smoking of tobacco-like products (including those in waterpipes/hookah/herbal cigarettes) in the same places where the smoking of tobacco products is prohibited.

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- These places are public places, workplaces, public vehicles and within five metres from the doorway, window or air intake of a public place or workplace.
  - This prohibition would protect Albertans from the harms of tobacco-like products and further protect them from the dangers of second-hand smoke.
4. Prohibiting smoking in vehicles with children present and repealing the Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2012.
- Smoking in a vehicle with a minor present would no longer be allowed.
  - This is meant to reduce children's exposure to second-hand smoke.
  - Children are particularly vulnerable to the harms of second-hand smoke because they are still developing physically and have higher breathing rates.
  - Also, smoking in a small, confined space like a vehicle increases the amount of second-hand smoke.
5. Consolidating the *Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act* into the *Tobacco Reduction Act*.
- The *Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act* currently makes it an offence for minors to possess, smoke or consume tobacco products in public places. They may be liable to a fine of up to \$100 if found guilty of this offence.
  - This amendment would incorporate the provisions of the *Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act* into the *Tobacco Reduction Act* to create one Act dealing with tobacco reduction in Alberta. This is intended to encourage a comprehensive approach to tobacco reduction in Alberta.

In addition, a Private Member's Bill, the Tobacco Reduction (Flavoured Tobacco Products) Amendment Act, 2012 (Bill 206) is currently before the Legislative Assembly. Bill 206 would restrict the sale of flavoured tobacco products in Alberta. This is aimed at discouraging youth from starting to use tobacco products.