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## Non-Smoking and Tobacco Free Campus, 147.00

### POLICY:

In keeping with our mission of providing exceptional patient care and setting an example for a healthier lifestyle, the Kadlec Regional Medical Center has adopted a non-smoking/tobacco-free policy that prohibits smoking of any prohibited product or the use of tobacco in any of its buildings, on the campus (which includes, but is not limited to, parking lots, grassy areas, and sidewalks) of Kadlec Regional Medical Center. For the purpose of this policy, the public sidewalks maintained by the Kadlec Regional Medical Center are considered "controlled" facilities and employees are not permitted to smoke or use tobacco products there; the Kadlec Regional Medical Center cannot prohibit the general public from using tobacco on those public sidewalks.

Prohibited products and uses include:

- Any type of cigarettes, pipes or cigars, including medical marijuana; electronic cigarettes and vaporizers
- Any form of tobacco;
- Any illicit, illegal or noxious substance that can be consumed by smoking or inhalation

### PROCEDURE:

Patients, visitors, medical staff, and employees are informed of the non-smoking/tobacco-free policy through posted signs at all facility entry points, as well as interior signage posted in conspicuous locations throughout all buildings. In addition to the signage, information is provided to employees during the employment process and orientation and to patients and their family during the registration process.

#### Procedure for Patients:

Patients are not allowed to use tobacco or any of the other substances prohibited under this policy while on Kadlec controlled property. During registration, patients will be advised of the Kadlec Regional Medical Center's policy and informed of educational materials and resources available to assist with nicotine replacement during their stay.

#### Medical Center Only:

Patients will sign an acknowledgment of receiving the Information Form #1401 regarding the non-smoking/tobacco free campus. Patients who choose to exit the hospital to use tobacco or otherwise violate this policy are doing so against medical advice and will be considered having left AMA. Employees and Visitors are not allowed to escort patients out to use tobacco or engage in conduct that violates this policy.

Smoking medical marijuana is not permitted in the Kadlec Regional Medical Center facilities. "Qualified patients", as defined by state law, with valid documentation are permitted to use a smoke-free version of medical marijuana. (RCW 69.51A)

**Procedure for Employees:**

Employees are not permitted to smoke during breaks on or off campus during work hours, nor may they use other tobacco products on campus. It is expected that if any staff observes a violation of the non-smoking/tobacco free policy, they are responsible to inform their coworker, patients and/or visitors of the Kadlec Regional Medical Center's policy. Employees are not allowed to escort patients outside to use tobacco or engage in conduct that violates this policy.

Employees who fail to comply with the non-smoking/tobacco-free policy will be subject to corrective action.

**EDUCATION & RESOURCES:**

Cessation Resources can be obtained by contacting:

- Tobacco Quit Line – 877-270-STOP
- Tri-Cities Cancer Center – 509-737-3420

Nicotine Patches are available for patients from the Pharmacy (this is a charge item for the patient)  
Nicotine Gum is available for visitors and employees to purchase in the Kadlec Gift Shop.

**Definition**

\* For purposes of this policy, facilities controlled would apply only to those facilities that are owned or the facility is entirely leased by Kadlec Regional Medical Center or any subsidiaries of Kadlec Regional Medical Center. In facilities that are partially leased (i.e. Kadlec is only one of multiple tenants) this policy would apply only to the portions of the facility that are under lease to Kadlec.

**Attachments:**

[Tobacco Free Campus](#)

**Approval Signatures**

<b>Approver</b>	<b>Date</b>
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