

## CORPORATE POLICY, STANDARDS and PROCEDURE

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<b><u>POLICY TITLE</u></b> SMOKE FREE		<b><u>NUMBER</u></b> TBA
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### **DATE(S) REVISED / REVIEWED SUMMARY**

Version	Date	Comments / Changes
1.0	February 2004	Initial Policy Released
2.0	October 2007	
3.0	October 2014	Revised to include the prohibition of the use of medical marijuana and e-cigarettes in Fraser Health owned and/or operated premises, facilities, on owned or leased grounds and in corporately owned or leased vehicles.

### **INTENT / PURPOSE**

Smoking is the number one preventable cause of death in Canada and is responsible for billions in annual avoidable health care costs. Second-hand tobacco smoke is a carcinogen and there is no safe level of exposure. Smoking bans in public places are an effective means of reducing the adverse effects of smoking on public health.

This policy is designed to:

- protect, promote and improve overall health;
- support opportunities to quit smoking and tobacco use;
- protect our employees, physicians, volunteers, vulnerable patients, clients and residents from exposure to second hand smoke;
- promote de-normalization of smoking and other uses of tobacco;
- ensure our operational policies are consistent with our approach to promotion of health in the community;
- define individual roles and responsibilities in promoting and maintaining this policy;





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Management Management will be accountable for supporting the smoke-free policy by allocating the required time and resources required for maintaining, enforcing and educating staff on this policy.

Facilities Facilities are responsible for ensuring that sufficient and appropriate signage is displayed.

Security Security will actively monitor the site and notify anyone found contravening this policy (on Fraser Health owned and/or operated premises, facilities and grounds) of the policy and inform them of the boundaries of our premises. Security may escort visitors who refuse to comply with the smoke-free policy from our premises. Security will maintain a time/place/number/type log of persons smoking on premises.

Housekeeping Housekeeping is responsible for monitoring and reporting on the location of cigarette butts and for cleaning entranceways and patios on at least a weekly basis for the removal of cigarette butts.

### **REFERENCES**

- Fraser Health Respectful Workplace Policy
- Section 4.81 of the Worksafe B.C. Occupational Health and Safety Regulations revised April 1 2013, as amended and/or updated from time to time
- Surrey Public Health Smoking Protection By-law 16694 section 2.1
- Tobacco Control Act and Regulation