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## Mount Desert Island Hospital Policy and Procedure

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### **Mount Desert Island Hospital Tobacco Free Campus Policy**

Effective November 21, 2002 the use of all tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and smokeless tobacco) is prohibited on all hospital and health center property and grounds. This includes all indoor and outdoor areas (e.g. entry areas, walkways, grassed areas, picnic areas, parking lots, vehicles owned or leased by Mount Desert Island Hospital (MDIH) and private vehicles parked on MDI Hospital property).

This policy applies to employees, patients, visitors, volunteers, vendors, contracted workers, tenants, physicians, medical staff and students. Tobacco recognized as the single greatest cause of disease and premature death in America. The World Health Organization has classified environmental tobacco smoke as carcinogenic to humans. Research shows that systems level changes can reduce smoking prevalence. As a healthcare facility it is our purpose and responsibility to provide resources and model behavior that discourages the use of all tobacco products.

It is the responsibility of managers to educate their employees about this policy.

Violation of this policy will be treated like any other policy infraction.

All individuals associated with MDIH have a responsibility to promote this policy and ensure that visitors, patients and fellow employee & are aware that MDI Hospital, including its' Health Centers, is a tobacco free campus. Those needing assistance during the quit process can contact the Wellness Coordinator or the Maine Tobacco Helpline at 1-800 207-1230.

Reference: CDC. MMWR 2000;49 (No. RR 12)

Maine Hospital Association Smoking Policy Initiative, September 1999;

Best Practices in Tobacco Prevention & Control Initiatives, PTM;

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Policy End

***Maine Tobacco Helpline Information (reference material only, not MDIH Policy)***