

**HARDIN COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL
HOSPITAL-WIDE POLICY**

Title: Smoke Free Policy
Policy Number: 109
Regulation: IDPH Section 975.30

Effective Date: 1/1/2008
Med Staff:
Admin:

I. POLICY

Effective January 1, 2008, Smoking will be prohibited at Hardin County General Hospital to comply with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Section 975.30.

No person shall smoke in a public place or in any place of employment or within 15 feet of any entrance to a public or place of employment. No person may smoke in any vehicle owned, leased, or operated by the State or a political subdivision of the State. Smoking is prohibited in indoor public places and workplaces unless specifically exempted by Section 35 of the Act and Section 975.90 of this Part.

Smoking is prohibited within a minimum distance of 15 feet from entrances, exits, windows that open, and ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed area where smoking is prohibited under the Act so as to ensure that tobacco smoke does not enter the area through entrances, exits, open windows, or other means.

No smoking signs or the international 'No Smoking' symbol, consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it, shall be clearly and conspicuously posted in each public place and place of employment where smoking is prohibited by the Act.

An individual in an area of a public place or place of employment where smoking is prohibited shall stop smoking immediately when requested to stop smoking. It is the responsibility of all staff to enforce the non-smoking areas by requesting the individual to stop smoking and reporting repeated or continued infractions to your supervisor.

Any person may register a complaint with the IDPH, a State-certified local public health department, or a local law enforcement agency for a violation of the Act. Complaints shall be registered with the IDPH by calling the following toll-free telephone number: 1-800-NO-SMOKE or by registering a complaint on the department's website.

Hardin County General Hospital will permit smoking in the following areas only: Under the carport at the clinic greater than 15 feet away from any entrances to the buildings. And behind the warehouse/garage area greater than 15 feet away from any entrance to the buildings. All other areas of the hospital grounds, including parking areas, smoking is prohibited.

II. DEFINITIONS
N/A

III. RESPONSIBILITY

All Staff

IV. EQUIPMENT

N/A

V. PROCEDURES

Patients will be informed of this policy during the admission process. Medical staff and employees will be informed of this policy as part of the application process for privileges and/or employment.

VI. DOCUMENTATION

N/A