



Subject: SMOKING POLICY

Application: PROSERPINE NURSING HOME

The Home respects the rights of all residents and staff to freedom of choice. However, in the interests of safety and in keeping with the current health standards, smoking is discouraged and confined to designated areas.

Staff, Residents, and Visitors

- For safety reasons, and to consider the rights of others, smoking is restricted to designated smoking areas. For staff this is at the perimeter of the Home. Staff can only smoke on scheduled breaks.
- It is the responsibility of the smoker to dispose of butts responsibly.
- Where residents choose to smoke, they may only smoke in the designated residents smoking area. Controlled access to cigarettes lighters or supervision may be required plus the use of a smoking apron. This decision is based on the individual resident's capabilities (mental/physical/emotional) and the associated risk of fire and burns. The availability of staff to provide supervision may require residents smoking to be restricted to certain times.