

Overview of St. Joseph's Health Care London's smoke-free policy

- The smoke-free policy exceeds the current [Smoke-Free Ontario Act](#) and applies to patients, residents, staff, and all those who visit St. Joseph's' properties.
- St. Joseph's prohibits the use of tobacco products, including E-cigarettes, on all sites, grounds and properties, including parking facilities and all vehicles owned or leased by St. Joseph's or any vehicle on St. Joseph's property.
- Special exemptions, as defined by the [Smoke-Free Ontario Act](#), are considered at the request of an Aboriginal person, for the traditional use of tobacco as part of a spiritual ceremony, i. e., smudging ceremony.
- The sale of cigarettes, tobacco and tobacco products at St. Joseph's is prohibited.
- St. Joseph's offers education and supports for patients, staff and volunteers who wish to reduce or stop their use of tobacco products.
- Failure to comply with the [Smoke-Free Ontario Act](#) (any area within the hospital building and within 9 metres of any entrance or exit) while on St. Joseph's property may result in fines as issued by a Middlesex-London Health Unit Tobacco Enforcement Officer.
- Failure to comply with St. Joseph's smoke-free policy will result in disciplinary action by hospital staff and security.
- Every St. Joseph's staff member has a responsibility to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all.