

# GENERAL ADMINISTRATION 7.0

## Smoking -- 7.2

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### **POLICY**

Smoking of cigarettes, cigars, and pipes is not permitted in any portion of any Local Health Department or Regional Office. "No Smoking" signs must be posted at each entrance specifying that smoking is not permitted within 50 feet of any entrance.

### **APPLICABILITY**

This policy applies to all persons working in or visiting Tennessee Department of Health facilities, including the Central Office of the Bureau of Health Services, Regional Offices, and Local Health Departments.

### **PURPOSE**

Protect the health of all persons working in or visiting Tennessee Department of Health facilities from the dangers of smoking and second-hand smoke.

### **PROCEDURE**

The Director of the Bureau of Health Services, each Regional Director, and all Local Health Department Directors are responsible for:

- a. Ensuring that the smoking of cigarettes, cigars, and pipes is not permitted in Tennessee Department of Health facilities, AND
- b. ensuring that all employees are aware of the smoking policy, AND

- c. Ensuring that "NO SMOKING" signs are posted in patient waiting rooms, at each entrance and any other appropriate area.
- d. There shall be no smoking allowed within 50 feet of any entrance to a local health department.
- e. Smoking is not permitted in state vehicles.
- f. In counties that have established No Smoking policies more stringent than those contained in this policy the County Policy supersedes the requirements of this policy.

## **REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

- 1. Public Law 103-227 (Pro-Children Act of 1994)
- 2. Memo from Dr. Wendy Long, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Health Services, dated August 18, 1999
- 3. T.C.A. 4-4-121

## **OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY**

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