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SUBJECT: Smoking management Policy for Residents at Sarsfield Colonial Home	DEPARTMENT: All Departments	2 PAGES
	SECTION: Safety	
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* This policy supersedes any and all actions and protocols. * Any other documents pertaining to smoking is no longer effective.		

Purpose

- To promote a healthy, safe smoking environment for all Residents of Sarsfield Colonial Home.
- To comply with all legislative requirements, including the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act*.
- To promote safe smoking practices and minimize the risk of smoking-related hazards while respecting Residents’ rights.
- To provide clear directives to staff, volunteers, Residents, and visitors regarding smoking practices and policies at Sarsfield Colonial Home.
- The *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* protects individuals from exposure to second-hand smoke by prohibiting smoking in all enclosed workplaces and public spaces. Smoking and/or vaping is not accepted within 9 meters (29.5276) of any entrance or exit of a public or private hospital, psychiatric facility, long-term care home or independent health facility.
- This policy aims to reduce the fire and safety risks associated with smoking within Long-Term Care Homes.

New Ruling – Effective April 30, 2023

1. Resident safe smoking

A complete smoking management applies to all Residents.

1. a. Independent Smoking Requirements

Residents who currently smoke must:

- Be fully capable of independently obtaining cigarettes from outside the home without staff supervision, assistance, or accompaniment.
- Be independent in dressing appropriately for outdoor conditions (e.g., winter clothing and footwear).
- Be able to walk to the elevator, open doors, and ensure no other residents exit the building when the main entrance is unlocked

1. b. Access and Security

- The home is not a secured facility; entry and exit are controlled through security codes.
- Between 21:00 and 07:00, the main entrance doors remain locked and no access from outside. Residents are not permitted to go outside to smoke during these hours to prevent disruption of care and ensure safety.

1. c. Cigarette and Lighter Storage

- For safety reasons, the Registered Nurse (RN) will securely store cigarettes and lighters for each smoking Resident in the nursing office.
- The Resident must request their cigarettes and lighter from the RN prior to smoking and return them immediately upon coming back inside.

1. d. Resident Capability Requirement

- Any Resident unable to independently leave and return to the home without staff involvement is not permitted to engage in smoking activities.

2. Designated Smoking Areas

- In accordance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017, smoking and vaping are prohibited within 9 meters (29.53 feet) to the main entrance, exit of Sarsfield Colonial Home and other designated public area at Sarsfield colonial home.
- Residents and families can not smoke in the following designated areas:
 - Within 29.53 feet (9 metres) from the front main entrance door, or 29.53 feet from the residents shared gazebo’s fence located at the front of the building.
 - No other areas on Sarsfield Colonial Home property may be used for smoking.
 - Employees who smoke are permitted to do so only at the rear of the building during their scheduled 15-minute breaks or lunch period.

3. Resident Consent

- During the admission process, any Resident who smokes must sign a consent form agreeing to comply with this policy.
- Failure to adhere to the smoking policy may result in discharge from the home.

Summary

Sarsfield Colonial Home is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and compliant environment for all Residents, staff, and visitors. Smoking will be strictly limited to designated areas and times to ensure compliance with legislation and the safety of all individuals within the facility.

New applicant name-----Signature-----Date-----

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