

## Smoking Policy

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**Policy:** Golden Acres allows smoking only in designated smoking areas outside, which must be “at least 20’ from entryways, windows, vents and doorways by Maine law. Smoking in the facility is not permitted in order to ensure the safety of all residents of the facility. Residents must be competent and able to smoke independently. If a resident requires assist as determined by a nursing assessment, the resident will be provided such assistance as often as is practicable. If a resident has been determined to be able to smoke only with staff present due to such assessment, then the resident cannot smoke outside but with staff present.

**Procedure:** If smoking in the facility is found to take place by a resident, or is strongly suspected by room odor, or the presence of cigarette butts inside the facility or outside a resident window, the resident will need to give up any lighter or matches in their possession to facility staff. If finally they refuse to comply, we will call local police and explain we would like their assistance in speaking with the resident and our being given the lighter and working with us going forward.

If this happens and the lighter is in staff possession for safekeeping, the resident will request the lighter or matches when they go to the designated area, and give it up to staff when they return.

If a resident presents with a need for assessment for ability to smoke independently safely, that assessment will be sought and the results of that assessment will be followed. If such requires staff presence, the resident will then be allowed to smoke only with staff present. The results of such assessment will be promptly communicated to the resident and every effort make to promote as much autonomy as possible.

This will be communicated to the resident using the communication form which below:

## **Golden Acres Smoking Policy**

Smoking is not permitted in any Golden Acres facility, only in the designated area outside, at least 20' from entryways, windows, vents and doorways. This is for the safety of the other residents in the facility, and a State of Maine law. So long as you follow this policy, you can keep your lighter and cigarettes in your possession.

If you are found smoking, or staff has reason to think you are smoking, you must give your lighter to the staff when you are in the facility for the safety of other residents. Ask for it when you step outside and give it back to staff when you come in.

Reasons staff might ask you for your lighter include the smoke smell in your room, cigarette butts in your room, or cigarettes or butts outside your window. If they ask for your lighter, please give it to them.

Resident Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Informed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

*A copy will be made available upon request.*

