



Decatur County  
Memorial Hospital  
The Quality Care You Want. Close By.

## Tobacco Free Campus Policy (Implementation Date 11-16-06)

### **GOAL:**

It is the goal of Decatur County Memorial Hospital to provide the comfort and safety of a tobacco free environment, and to educate patients, visitors, and associates on the adverse effects of tobacco use. Decatur County Memorial Hospital provides a supportive framework to promote and assist in smoking cessation.

### **POLICY:**

Decatur County Memorial Hospital is committed to the promotion of health and prevention of disease. The use of tobacco products has been determined to be a major cause of illness and disease for both the user and non-user in the immediate environment. Therefore, Decatur County Memorial Hospital does not permit the use of any type of tobacco product on the premises and affiliated properties.

### **Segments Addressed**

#### **Employees**

- a. Tobacco use is prohibited on hospital grounds, related properties and leased facilities.
- b. Violators shall be subject to disciplinary action.

#### **Physicians**

- a. Physicians will not write orders for patients to smoke or utilize tobacco products.

#### **Patients**

- a. Tobacco use by patients is prohibited on hospital grounds, related properties and leased facilities.

#### **Visitors – Vendors**

- a. Visitors who wish to utilize tobacco products are to be directed off campus.
- b. Those challenging the policy shall be given a copy thereof.