



Women's & Children's Hospital Announces Plans To Become Smoke-Free Campus

Women's & Children's Hospital recently announced that it has implemented plans for its campus to become completely smoke-free effective July 1. The plan allows for a phase in period to fully educate the staff, create and install internal and external signage and modify hospital policies. The hospital is making provisions such as smoking cessation programs and other options for those hospital employees who are interested in "kicking the habit".

"We simply have a responsibility to provide a smoke-free environment, where patients, visitors, physicians and employees are free from the hazards associated with secondhand smoke. Smoking on our campus undermines our efforts to create a safe and healthy environment for everyone we serve," states Kathy Bobbs, CEO of Women's & Children's Hospital. "We believe it is our responsibility to take a leadership role in the community by promoting wellness and a healthier environment for everyone who visits our facilities."

The policy has received the endorsement of the hospital's board of trustees.

The new smoke-free policy means that smoking will not be allowed anywhere in or on properties owned or leased by the hospital, including parking areas.