



By Dubai Healthcare City Authority - Regulatory

As a health and wellness destination, it is essential that we, the Dubai Healthcare City Community, promote best practice in Health, Safety and Environment (HSE).

The HSE Department at Dubai Healthcare City Authority – Regulatory (DHCR) plays a vital role in promoting the health and safety of all members of the DHCC Community, ensuring partners take proactive measures to prevent the occurrence of avoidable emergencies and incidents.

Following the release of DHCR's *'No Smoking Policy' to ensure a smoke-free environment and reduce tobacco-related health conditions, DHCR would like to reiterate the practical implementation of the policy through frequently asked questions (FAQs).

* https://www.dhcc.ae/Documents/

LawsAndRegulations/PoliciesAndStandards/DHCR%20HSE%20No%20Smoking%20Policy.pdf

1. Who should adhere to the No Smoking Policy?

DHCR's No Smoking Policy applies to all members of the DHCC Community including clinical and non-clinical partners, employees, patients, visitors and contractors. The policy is applicable to all property (buildings owned or occupied); premises including residential accommodation; and businesses located within the DHCC free zone.

- 2. For smoking zone approvals in investor-owned buildings, whom do I seek approval from? A partner in an investor-owned building should consult the investor and/or property manager for smoking zone approvals. Note: These zones must be in compliance with DHCR's No Smoking Policy.
- 3. List the approved smoking areas in DHCC-owned buildings, i.e. Mohammed Bin Rashid Academic Medical Center (building 14); Al Zahrawi Building (building 34); Ibn Sina Medical Complex (building 27) and Al Razi Medical Complex (building 64).

Building 14Smoking area: To the left of the front entrance.





Building 27 - Smoking area: Block D, behind Life Pharmacy, facing the metro rail.





Building 27 - Smoking area: Block A, rear of building, adjacent to buildings 24/25 & 26.





Building 64 - Smoking area: Rear of building, leading out from the Food Court.

Front of building, facing the car park.







Note:

In addition to the above smoking areas, in building 64, smoking is permitted at the rear and front of the building, outside the food court in Block C, with designated smoking bins, positioned an approved and safe distance from the building.



Building 34 - Smoking area: Side of building 34 and also an area facing building 14.

4. What kind of cigarette bins should smokers use?

Approved cigarette bins are the ones that have a top tray for cigarette butt disposal. To dispose cigarette butts, smokers should use only the top tray, not the main bin cavity.



Signage may be wall mounted and strict conformance is mandated.



5. What kind of no smoking signage should be used?

For reference, the below is an image of an approved 'No Smoking Sign'.

Note: Any violation, i.e. smoking in no smoking zones will result in fines.



6. What kind of no smoking signage should be used?

For reference, the below is an image of an approved 'Smoking Area'.



7. Does a business partner or an investor need a DHCC permit for a smoking area? No, one does not need a permit, but is required to adhere to DHCR's No Smoking Policy.

8. Who will monitor adherence to DHCR's No Smoking Policy?

Members from DHCC Facilities Management, and investors' property managers / facilities and security teams will monitor and ensure compliance with the DHCR's No Smoking Policy.

9. Who will enforce violations for non-compliance with DHCR's No Smoking Policy? DHCR's HSE Department will issue penalties for violations of the No Smoking Policy.

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