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To: All Staff Whiddon Moree

From: Allison Groth [Director Care Services]

Date: 7 July 2023

Subject: Use of smoking aprons for resident's

Ref: Whiddon Smoking Policy V. 1 Oct 2022

As an important reminder for all staff, it is imperative that we are aware of the organisations 'Smoking Policy' and the requirements surrounding the safety of our residents who choose to actively smoke.

Smoking is ultimately a choice for our residents and as such, we have the responsibility to ensure that the resident is provided with support and supervision in their activities of daily living.

An element of the risk assessment and safety provisions we supply for our residents, is a fire-retardant smoking apron to minimise their risk of burns associated with smoking.

It is expected that the use of this apron is to be encouraged for all residents who choose to smoke, to ensure a level of safety during this chosen activity.

If a resident consistently denies the opportunity to use this apron, it is important for care staff to document this in Autumn care, as a risk assessment is reviewed and updated every 3 months for smoking in an aged care facility.

We have relocated the fire-retardant smoking aprons, which now has them located in the designated resident smoking areas for a relevant reminder and prompt, for both our residents and staff when supervising the residents in this area.

We thank you for your persistence in this important safety requirement for our residents and know that you will continue to encourage this safety provision on an ongoing basis in our facility.

Kind Regards,



Allison Groth

Director Care Services

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