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U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL GTMO INSTRUCTION 6200.8B

Subj: TOBACCO PRODUCTS POLICIES

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5100.13B  
(b) NAVMEDCOMINST 6200.4  
(c) SECNAVINST WASHINGTON DC 212138Z OCT 93 (ALNAV 131/93)

1. Purpose. To establish policies and procedures concerning the use of tobacco products at U. S. Naval Hospital, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in accordance with references (a) through (c).
2. Cancellation. NAVHOSPGTMOINST 6200.8A
3. Scope. This instruction is applicable to all personnel and includes all tobacco products.
4. Background. The Surgeon General of the United States has determined that the use of tobacco products constitutes a health hazard. The World Health Organization has suggested that control of cigarette smoking could do more to improve health and prolong life in developed countries than any other single action in the field of preventive medicine. Today, there can be no reasonable doubt that the use of tobacco products, especially smoking, is extremely harmful, and that great harm is done to the smoker and to those who are exposed to tobacco smoke. Cigarettes are the primary cause of many fires and responsible for most fire-related deaths. The U.S. Naval Hospital has an obligation to provide a safe environment for its staff, patients, and visitors and this obligation requires that the air is free of smoke. The staff members of the U.S. Naval Hospital have an obligation to set an example by discontinuing the use of all tobacco products.
5. Discussion. Department of the Navy and the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery policies, references (a) through (c), are aimed at establishing a healthy working environment, discouraging the use of tobacco products, educating personnel about the danger of tobacco use, and providing encouragement and assistance to smokers who wish to quit. As health care professionals, Medical Department personnel must set the example.
6. Policy
  - a. The use of tobacco products within the U.S. Naval Hospital, and within the U.S. Naval Hospital perimeter road is prohibited with the following exceptions:

(1) Designated tobacco use areas

(2) Inpatients with written Doctor's orders. Inpatients desiring to use tobacco products must exit the confines of the U.S. Naval Hospital and smoke in designated smoking areas only.

(3) The use of tobacco products is also prohibited in all official vehicles including cars, buses, vans, shuttle vehicles, trucks and ambulances.

b. The content and intent of this instruction will be made a part of the Command Orientation Program for newly reporting personnel.

7. Designated Tobacco Use Areas. The following are the only authorized tobacco use areas:

a. Back Cabana behind the Management Information Department building.

b. Cabana areas near the building H-3 (Fiscal/Supply). This area is accessible to wheelchair patients and patients using crutches.

c. At the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters, smoking is allowed in the Patio areas located outside buildings H-4, H-5, and H-5A.

8. Posting of Signs. The Head, Facilities Department, shall ensure that signs are posted and maintained as "Designated Tobacco Use Area".

9. Responsibility. The Population Health Officer will be the Tobacco Products Program Manager and will ensure group cessation programs are available to all tobacco users, in particular, high-risk personnel, such as those with chronic bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, coronary heart disease and special occupational groups, such as asbestos workers.

  
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