



# Zero Tolerance Of Violence Against Our Staff

- The health and safety of our staff is a key priority
- Our staff have **the right to work in a safe environment without fearing they will be the victim of YOUR violence and aggression.**
- **DO NOT** be violent or use threatening behaviour, physical, verbal, racial abuse or discrimination of any kind towards our staff.
- **REMEMBER** we can **REFUSE** to treat you!
- **Any incident** in which **YOU** abuse, threaten or assault a member of our staff during the course of their working day will result in **YOUR REMOVAL**, incident report to the Gardai and possible prosecution.

## Security

Relatives and visitors may only go where they have legitimate business, for example, to the ward or clinical area where the patient resides or is being treated.

If you notice anything or anyone suspicious, please inform a member of staff.

### Photography / Video Footage



Photography is not permitted without consent from the Hospital. Consent must be approved by the ward / department head. This includes photographs or videos taken by mobile phones or wireless devices.

**The use of any recording devices is strictly prohibited.**

### CCTV

CCTV is used within the Mater Hospital in order to provide a safe and secure environment for everyone.

We take our duty to protect the privacy of all people very seriously.



# We are a Smoke Free Campus



**Smoking is forbidden throughout the entire hospital grounds.**

**The boundaries of the campus are clearly marked out with a blue line**

We have stopped tobacco use on our property to provide a healthy and safe environment for our patients, staff and visitors and to promote positive health behaviours.

## What about the 'right to smoke'?

There is no legal right to smoke in Irish law BUT there is a legal obligation on the hospital to provide a safe and comfortable environment for patients, staff and visitors by removing the very serious health risks associated with tobacco smoke. *(In accordance with section 47 of the Public Health (Tobacco) acts, 2002 - 2004.)*

## What help is available for you?

There are a number of community supports available:

- GP
- Local Pharmacy
- National Smokers Quitline (Telephone: 1850 201 203)
- HSE Dublin North Smoking Cessation Service (Telephone: 01 - 882 3406)
- [www.giveupsmoking.ie](http://www.giveupsmoking.ie)

While staying in hospital, we will help you not to smoke by providing free nicotine replacement therapy and smoking cessation support. Please ask your doctor or nurse for advice.

## What do we ask of patients who smoke?

- 1** Do not smoke while in hospital
- 2** Do not bring cigarettes into the hospital
- 3** Ask for help
- 4** Please notify staff as early as possible that you smoke
- 5** Use the free nicotine replacement products available, to help stop the cravings
- 6** Please support our efforts to create a healthy smoke free environment for all who come to the hospital

**PATIENTS WHO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL AGAINST MEDICAL ADVICE DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK.**