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Choices In Community Living, Inc. takes reasonable steps to ensure the safety of clients. The agency allows those receiving services to maintain as much personal freedom as possible. However, in instances of a potential conflict between personal freedom and safety, safety issues take precedence.

The agency does not interfere with a client's right to choose to smoke tobacco products. The agency ensures that client smoking is done safely and in such a way as to not infringe upon the rights of other clients.

In the group home setting, the decision whether to allow in-home smoking is made by the clients living within the home. If a client has the permission of every other client living in the home, he/she may smoke inside the home in designated smoking area where it is separate, well ventilated, safe, and will not interfere with other clients or staff

Clients are not permitted to grant smoking privileges to staff members. Staff members are only permitted to smoke outside of any Choices In Community Living, Inc. work site, away from open windows or any entrances, if they choose to smoke while on duty.

CICL will periodically review the permission granted of smoking inside the home. The issue is also revisited in the event of any new clients living there or changes in the medical conditions of the clients in the home.

Neither staff nor clients are permitted to smoke inside any Choices In Community Living, Inc. owned vehicle. Neither staff nor clients are permitted to smoke in any personal vehicle if clients are present. Staff members are expected to respect non-smoking staff members' wishes in any personal vehicle when clients are not present.

Neither staff nor clients are permitted to smoke in public places unless permitted. Staff members are expected to not smoke near non-smoking clients and staff members' in the community.