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SCENT SENSITIVE

POLICY

Sensenbrenner Hospital is committed with ensuring the health and safety of employees, physicians, volunteers, students, patients/clients, contractors and visitors by ensuring safe air quality.

In Canada today more than one in four individuals suffers from respiratory disease. Medical evidence clearly shows that scented products are harmful to the health of sensitive individuals. In sufficient concentrations scented products may be harmful to those with allergies, environmental sensitivity or chronic heart or lung disease.

While some people are only mildly affected by scents, others have severe reactions. Some common symptoms include:

- headaches
- feeling dizzy
- feeling tired or weak
- shortness of breath
- nausea
- cold-like symptoms
- worsening asthma symptoms¹

Scents can usually be found in personal care products, such as perfumes, aftershaves, colognes, shampoos and conditioners, soaps, body lotions and deodorants.

Scents are also found in household items, such as air fresheners, deodorizers, candles, some laundry detergents, fabric softeners and cleaning products.

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To this end, Sensenbrenner Hospital will strive on achieving a scent-sensitive environment on its premises by eliminating the use of scented products where possible.

It is everyone's responsibility to promote and provide a healthy and safe environment.

Public notices (Appendix 1) will be strategically placed in all public access areas.

REFERENCE

Canadian Lung Association



SCENT SENSITIVE POLICY



Please do not use:

perfume, scented hairspray,

cologne, scented deodorant,

aftershave or scented laundry products

on hospital premises.

Thank you for your cooperation

in ensuring safe air to breathe.



SENSIBILITÉ AUX PARFUMS



N'utilisez pas de parfums, de fixatifs parfumés pour cheveux, d'eau de Cologne, de déodorant parfumé, de lotion après rasage ni de produits de lessive parfumés sur les lieux de l'hôpital.

Merci de nous aider de permettre à tous de respirer sainement.