



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
65TH MEDICAL GROUP (USAF)
LAJES FIELD AZORES PORTUGAL

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MEMORANDUM FOR 65TH MEDICAL GROUP AND ALL BENEFICIARIES

FROM: 65MDG/CC

SUBJECT: Tobacco Free Campus Policy at 65th Medical Group (65 MDG)

1. IAW AFI 40-102, *Tobacco Use in the Air Force*, the 65 MDG campus to include buildings T-416, T-425, T-459, T-588, T-506 and the surrounding areas (maps available upon request) will be entirely free of tobacco products (including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, e-cigarettes, or any other tobacco products). This policy applies to all interior space; outside grounds, including parking areas and government vehicles regardless of location; while on the 65 MDG campus. This policy promotes the health and mission readiness of personnel assigned to the 65 MDG; minimizes the health and safety hazards from secondhand tobacco smoke; and leads by example to the rest of the 65 Air Base Wing and workplaces everywhere.
2. Tobacco use is inconsistent with a fit and healthy force, and adversely impacts our mission. As part of the Air Force Medical Service vision of *Trusted Care, Anywhere*, reducing the health, social and economic burden from tobacco use is critical to our success. We are implementing this policy because tobacco use is contradictory with the 65 MDG's lead role as disease prevention champions for Team Lajes.
3. A tobacco-free workplace is good for our health and mission. I fully appreciate that quitting tobacco can be difficult and frustrating for even the most motivated people and we want to help our staff succeed. The Health and Wellness Center (HAWC) is promoting a robust program focused on tobacco cessation to assist anyone who would choose to quit using tobacco products. All civilian and government employees and patients are able to utilize tobacco cessation counseling services offered by the HAWC. However, only DEERS-eligible personnel enrolled in TRICARE are authorized prescription medication.
4. This policy must be communicated to and enforced by our entire staff, and applies to all patients, visitors and staff alike. Everyone's adherence and enforcement of this policy is critical to its success; I appreciate your cooperation.
5. My point of contact for this policy is Sr. Ricky J. Baptista, 65 MDOS/SGOH, DSN 535-HAWC or ricky.baptista@lajes.af.mil.


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