

# Safety Committee's Monthly Tip

## DID YOU KNOW?

It is OPWDD regulation that prohibits smoking on the grounds of any certified settings under 633.23 Smoking: health and safety protections.

It states that an agency can allow smoking only if restricted to designated outdoor smoking areas that are "at least 30 feet from the building" (or "as far away as practical") AND has a "non-combustible disposal receptacle."

**This is a regulation that covers any persons, staff or individual who live in an IRA.**

According to OPWDD ADM 2012-02: "For individuals who do smoke, agencies are responsible to educate and monitor these individuals to promote safe smoking practices, (e.g., always using appropriate receptacles, never leaving burning cigarettes and cigarette butts unattended, never smoking in bed)."

**For staff who support someone who smokes, have these important conversations and document your discussions!**

