

BURLINGTON TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE #34

SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE

Purpose: As members of the Burlington Twp. Fire Department, we are entrusted by the people we serve to provide a high level of professionalism in everything we do. We work closely with the public at incidents and the sight of smoking or use of tobacco products could seriously affect the level of confidence our residents have in our organization.

Scope: To manage the use of tobacco products while on incident scenes, while attending training events, while attending meetings, and while conducting department events.

1. There will be NO smoking or use of any tobacco products allowed in any Burlington Twp. Fire Department vehicles or in the Fire Station.
2. This includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Cigarettes
 - b. Chewing tobacco
 - c. Vapes
 - d. E Cigarettes
3. There will be NO smoking on any MFR runs.
4. If you feel the need to utilize a tobacco product when attending any of the above listed events or when you are in public, smoke or use tobacco products out of the sight of the public unless you are on property that strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products (schools or any property that is posted).
5. If you feel the need to smoke or use any tobacco products while on an incident scene:
 - a. You are only allowed to do so out of the sight of the public.
 - b. NO smoking while on scene is up to the I.C. if potentially hazardous conditions are present (gas leak, explosive atmosphere, hazmat situations, etc.)
6. Tobacco product trash shall be properly disposed of to include cigarette butts.