

Community Healthlink Policy and Procedure Manual		
Section: 7. Clients' Rights	Policy Number: 7-13	Effective Date: 3/11/14
Title: Drugs, Alcohol, Weapons, Tobacco, and Prescription Medications		Review Date: 4/5/17
Scope:		Originated: 3/11/14
References: CARF Behavioral Health 2.A.26; DPH 164.055 Tobacco-free Environment		
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Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to affirm Community Healthlink's commitment to a drug-free, alcohol-free, and safe environment.

Definitions:

Policy:

To maintain a safe and healthy environment for all, CHL prohibits the possession, use, and/or distribution of drugs, alcohol, or weapons in all CHL facilities.

CHL promotes a tobacco-free environment. Smoking is prohibited in CHL facilities except in private apartments of clients.

Responsibility: All staff and clients.

Procedure:

1. Each client will be informed of this policy at the beginning of service.
2. Clients presenting for service at any time in possession, using, or distributing drugs or alcohol, in possession of a weapon, or using a tobacco product in a designated smoke-free CHL facility, a response will be developed in accordance with specified CHL program policy and procedure.
3. Staff will use emergency procedures to maintain client and staff safety in the event a client is threatening to use a weapon or is using a weapon in a CHL facility. Emergency procedures include, but are not limited to, contacting public safety officials, seeking a voluntary or involuntary screening for safety as appropriate, removing others from the area, and notifying reasonably known and identified individuals.
4. CHL programs may have policies and procedures consistent with this policy that address the particular nature of their programs/services and creating a safe and healthy environment.