



SAFETY TALK

SCENT REDUCTION PLACES

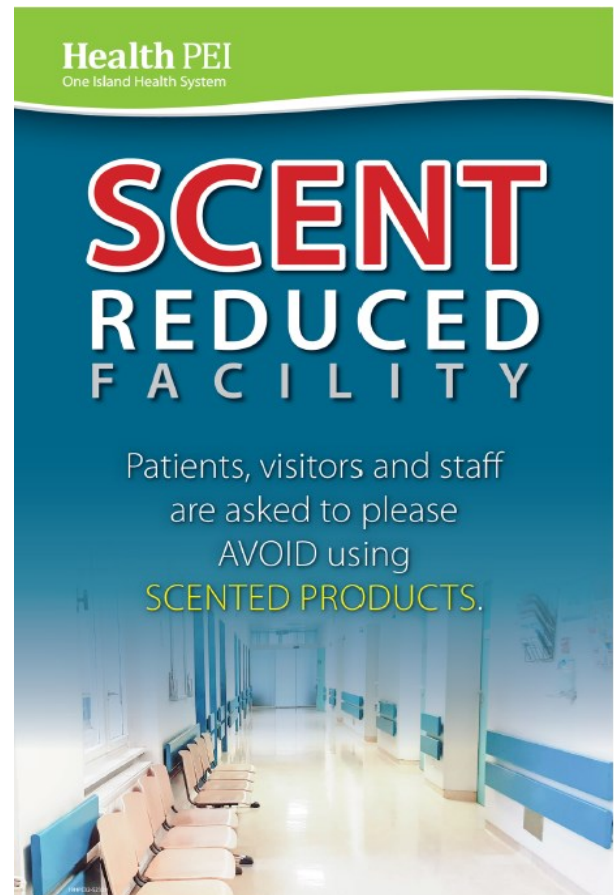


When we talk about scents, we usually mean the smells or odours from ingredients and chemicals in cosmetics (perfume, make-up, shampoo, deodorant, etc.) or from other products such as air fresheners, cleaners, etc.

Unfortunately, there is no exact definition for scent-free, fragrance-free or unscented. Products labelled as unscented may actually contain ingredients that are used to mask or hide the smell of other ingredients.

Health PEI is aware that scented products may have an impact on Patients, Healthcare workers, and Visitors who are sensitive to scents, are allergic to scents, or have medical conditions related to scents. For the health of our Patients, Healthcare Workers, and visitors, Health PEI strives to reduce exposure to scented products in the Workplace through the promotion of the following scent reduction standards:

- (a) Health PEI will use scent-reduced products where possible.
- (b) Healthcare Workers will avoid using scented products.
- (c) Patients and Visitors will be asked not to wear or bring scented products into the workplace.
- (d) Patients in long-term care who may choose to use scented products are asked to do so in moderation and select mild or minimally scented products. If there are negative impacts on others, Patients may be asked to refrain from using scented products.



The severity of these symptoms can vary. Some people report mild irritation, while others are incapacitated or must give up many 'normal' activities in order to avoid exposure (such as going to public places). As a consequence, some people report feelings of depression or anxiety.

To learn more about the Scent Reduction Policy visit: [HPEI Scent Reduction Policy on Medworxx](#)

Source: SCENT REDUCTION HPEI Policy/ [CCOHS: Scent-Free Policy](#)

Safety is everyone's responsibility!

DATE: _____
FACILITY: _____

SAFETY TALK LEAD BY: _____
DEPARTMENT: _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

QUESTION 1: WHERE CAN I FIND THE HEPI SCENT REDUCTION POLICY?

QUESTION 2: IF SO, IN WHAT WAY?

QUESTION 3: HAVE YOU EVER BEEN AFFECTED BY A SCENT PRODUCT?

EMPLOYEE CONCERNS & IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

FOLLOW UP ON CONCERNS:

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