

THIRDHAND SMOKE Resource Center

What are the advantages of making my rental properties smokefree?

Much of the public knows that secondhand smoke is bad for your health. Smokefree rental properties are in high demand. Surveys show that most renters prefer 100% smokefree properties.

Smokefree rental properties save money:

- Reduce the risk of tobacco-related fires in your apartments. Lower fire and liability insurance premiums for the property.
- Avoid the need for expensive smoking-related repairs when tenants move out.
- Reduce litter from tobacco waste, such as cigarette butts.
- Fewer complaints about unpleasant odors and unhealthy air because of smoke intrusion.
- Lower administrative costs to address

Smokefree rental properties save lives and protect the health of you:

- Secondhand smoke drifts into apartments from other apartments or from outside.
- In children, secondhand smoke causes diseases like asthma, ear infections, and colds.
- In adults, secondhand smoke causes lung disease, heart disease, and cancer.
- Thirdhand smoke embeds into walls and on surfaces, emitting toxic compounds long after secondhand smoke has disappeared.
- After a smoker moves out, the toxic residue of thirdhand smoke remains, creating a health hazard for new tenants.

Save money, save lives. Make your property smokefree.

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