

# THE NEIGHBOR'S SMOKE: TIPS FOR APARTMENT LIVING

## EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BREATHE SMOKE-FREE AIR.

### Creating smoke-free rental units is legal

- Like other activities that cause health problems to others, smoking – even in apartment units – can be regulated or prohibited.
- A smoke-free policy is NOT discriminatory.
- Smoke-free policies can save landlords money by reducing cleaning costs and insurance premiums.
- Owners can phase in policies as units are vacated or leases come up for renewal.
- Common use areas can be designated as smoke-free whether they are inside or out.



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### If a policy change isn't likely, consider some other options...

- Have cracks sealed – smoke can seep through such items as outlet covers and ceiling fixtures.
- Ensure that the building itself is up to all state and local building codes.
  - Structural defects can allow smoke to travel between apartments.
- Join with other tenants.
  - Ask your landlord to designate one or more buildings of a multi-building complex smoke-free.
- Read your lease or condominium agreement. Many leases contain a “nuisance clause” that prohibits tenants from engaging in any activity that interferes with another tenant’s peace and well-being.
- Ask to be released from your lease.

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