

Smoke-free policies are about where people smoke, not about whether they smoke. People who smoke are not a protected class.

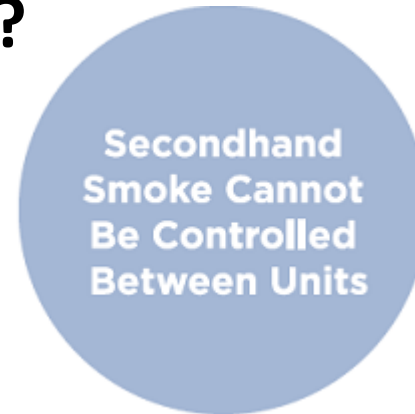


Secondhand smoke is a known human carcinogen, and can cause heart disease, cancer, COPD, and other lung diseases.



Cost savings result from maintenance savings, insurance savings, lower risk of fire, and reduced legal liability.

Why a Smoke-Free Housing Policy?



Secondhand smoke flows between units through ducts, vents, open windows, and other means, despite ventilation and air filtration.



Many residents prefer to live in smoke-free buildings. Smoke-free policies are often used as an amenity or marketing feature, and may increase occupancy rates.

Final Rule – December 5, 2016 (FR)

- Prohibits smoking of **prohibited tobacco products** in all indoor areas of public housing properties, including administrative buildings.
 - Prohibited tobacco products are those that involve the ignition and burning of tobacco leaves, such cigarettes, cigars and pipes, **and hookahs**.
 - E-cigarettes can be restricted at PHA's discretion.
- Applies to all public housing types, including single family.
- Prohibition extends to outdoor areas 25 ft. from buildings.
- PHAs can add further restrictions (e.g., buffer around playgrounds, property-wide ban).
- The rule has received a wide variety of support from health organizations and advocacy groups, as well as many PHAs.

Policy Implementation


- Smoke-Free policy must be fully implemented by July 30, 2018.
 - Resident leases must incorporate the Smoke-Free policy.
- Smoking violations are handled in same manner as other lease provisions.
- Graduated enforcement:
 - Escalating warnings
 - Documentation in tenant file
 - Termination of assistance (last resort)
- State and local requirements vary.
- Guidance includes examples and best practices.

Resources and Technical Assistance

- **Fact sheets**
- **Smoke-free guidebook**
- **Training materials**
 - **Presentation slides**
 - **Webinars**



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- Existing HUD guidance
 - Future HUD guidance
 - External links
 - Cessation services
 - Implementation guides
 - Best practices