



Smoke-Free Housing

Why it's good for home owners and tenants

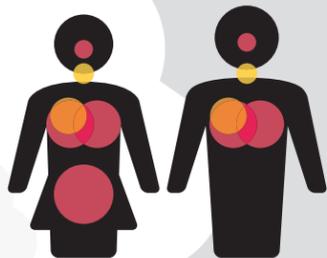
Second-Hand Smoke in Multi-Unit Dwellings

83% of Halton residents do not smoke and there is an increasing demand for smoke-free buildings.



Health Effects from Exposure to Tobacco Smoke and Toxins

Second-hand smoke is linked to cancer, breathing problems, heart disease, strokes and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.



Third-hand smoke occurs when nicotine and other toxic chemicals remain on walls, carpets, furniture - even toys. The fumes create toxic air which can potentially harm your health.



Smoking and Fires

1952 - home fires in Ontario were started by **careless cigarette smoking** between 2009-2013.



Careless cigarette smoking is the #1 cause of fire deaths and #2 cause of fire injuries in Ontario.



87% of home fires in Ontario in 2013 were caused by lit smoking materials.



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Smoke-free dwellings can positively affect the value at resale by up to **29%**.



87% of adults in Ontario believe smoking should not be allowed inside multi-unit dwellings with shared ventilation.



Designate Your Building Smoke-Free



Home owners and tenants have the legal right to **protect their property** and designate their building as non-smoking.

Ask your property manager and Board to adopt a non-smoking policy. Policies are legal, easy to implement, non-discriminatory and enforceable.



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