

Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing

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Why Go Smoke-Free?

- Provide tenants the choice to live in a smoke-free building
- Help smokers to cut-back, quit smoking and remain quit
- Better health for all
 - Children
 - Seniors
 - People with chronic diseases



Why Go Smoke-Free?

- Reduced cleaning, painting and maintenance
- Reduced cigarette burns
- Less smell of second hand smoke
- Reduced risk of fire
- Possible reduction in insurance premiums



What is a Smoke-Free Policy?

- Does NOT prohibit people who smoke from living in the building
- Does NOT evict current tenants who smoke
- Does NOT force tenants to quit smoking
- DOES offer choice to tenants



Are Smoke-Free Policies Legal?

- Yes
- Smoke-free policies are:
 - **Legal**
 - Many social housing providers are already providing smoke-free options
 - Existing tenants are grandfathered (exempt)
 - **Enforceable**
 - Complaint driven
 - The vast majority of tenants will follow the rules
 - **Non-discriminatory**
 - There is no “right to smoke” enshrined in Canadian law
 - Addiction ≠ disability

Smoke-Free Social Housing

Over 70 social housing providers in Ontario have already taken their buildings smoke-free

- Leeds & Grenville
 - Gananoque Housing Inc. (47 units)
 - Leeds and Grenville Social Housing (667 units)
- Ottawa
 - Ottawa Community Housing (15,000 units)
 - Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation (254 units)
- Belleville
 - Aldersgate Homes Inc (81 units)
 - Belleville Emmanuel Residences (51 units)

What You Can Do

- Visit the Smoke-Free Housing Ontario [website](#)
- Talk with other social housing providers who have gone smoke-free
- Survey tenants on their attitudes towards a smoke-free policy
- Pilot a smoke-free policy in a few buildings
- Commit to designating all new buildings smoke-free
- Take all of your buildings smoke-free



Thank You

QUESTIONS?

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