

SMOKE-FREE MULTI-UNIT HOUSING

Great progress has been made in reducing involuntary exposure to second-hand smoke in Ontario—except in multi-unit housing.

To fix this problem, we need more Ontario landlords, condos, and co-ops to create smoke-free housing policies.

Why smoke-free?

Financial

Waterloo Region Housing estimates it can cost up to \$5000 to rehabilitate a smoking unit.

A 2013 survey of real estate professionals by Ipsos Canada found that smoking negatively affected the resale value of properties by up to 29%



Health

The best science indicates that there is no safe level of exposure to second hand smoke.

Second-hand smoke leads to illnesses and causes 800 deaths per year in non-smokers from lung & heart disease, according to Health Canada.



Safety

Fire loss statistics for 2009-2013 from the Ontario Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management states that “cigarettes, pipes, and cigars rank as the number one ignition source for residential fire fatalities, and one in four home fire fatalities are caused by smoking articles.”

