### What you will find online

- A 'how to' list for adopting a policy
- Sample tenant surveys
- Sample non-smoking policies
- Sample tenant communications letters
- Ideas on how to implement and promote the policy



#### Resources:

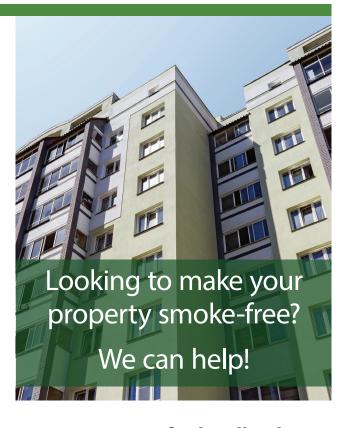
- Smoke-Free Housing Ontario smokefreehousingon.ca
- Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport mhp.gov.on.ca/en/smoke-free/
- The Residential Tenancies Act, 2006
  The Condominium Act, 1998
  e-laws.gov.on.ca
- The Ontario Landlord and Tenant Board:
  Call toll-free: 1.888.332.3234
- Non-Smokers' Rights Association nsra-adnf.ca





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- · Region of Peel
- Smoking and Health Action Foundation/Non-Smokers' Rights Association
- · Brant County Health Unit
- Council for Tobacco-Free Toronto



A resource for landlords and property managers of multi-unit dwellings

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#### Health risks

- There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke.
- Second-hand smoke contains up to 7000 chemicals, and 69 of these are known to cause cancer.
- Exposure to small amounts of second-hand smoke raises the risk of chronic illnesses, such as cancer, heart and lung diseases, asthma and stroke.
- Second-hand smoke can seep into units through shared vents, electrical outlets, cracks around windows, doorframes and floorboards and through balconies and patios.

# Safety risks

• Cigarettes, cigars and pipes are the leading cause of fire fatalities in Ontario homes.

# Smoke-free housing is in demand

- 83 per cent of Halton residents do not smoke.
- Given the choice between identical buildings, 80 per cent would select a building in which smoking is prohibited.

### Good for business

- Smoke-free units have an estimated 29 per cent higher resale value than smoking units.
- Landlords who have implemented smoke-free policies cite an average savings of \$800 per unit in maintenance and cleaning costs.
- Smoke-free units have a much lower risk of fire damage to floors, carpets and the complete unit.
- Landlords who implement smoke-free policies may be eligible for reduced insurance premiums.

## What you can do

As landlords and property managers you have the legal right to protect your property and designate it smoke-free.

# Take these steps to make your property smoke-free

 To learn more about your options for adopting a smoke-free policy, visit halton.ca/smokefreehousing.

