



Quick Guide to Responding to Community Housing Provider Enquiries

1. Recommend that the community housing provider meet with public health unit staff in person to discuss the issue. This is an opportunity to share information about available resources, as well as to learn more about the housing provider.
(Note that the housing sector is diverse, with many different kinds of community housing providers that house many different kinds of tenants.)
2. Suggest that a joint committee be established between public health and the housing provider to develop and implement a no-smoking policy. Several housing providers have already implemented no smoking policies: <https://smokefreehousingon.ca/tools-resources/>
3. To get started:
 - Step 1: Strike a committee or working group
 - Step 2: Conduct a tenant survey
 - Step 3: Develop the policy
 - Step 4: Develop a communications strategy
 - Step 5: Develop an enforcement plan
 - Step 6: Implement the no-smoking policy ([see resources on https://smokefreehousingon.ca](https://smokefreehousingon.ca))
4. Keep in mind that access to smoke-free housing is a health equity issue.
5. To help raise public awareness on this issue:
 - Write a press release
 - Write a letter to the editor, congratulating the housing provider
 - Give the housing provider an award