

FACTS ABOUT TOBACCO-FREE HOUSING

TOBACCO KILLS

- There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. It contains over 7,000 chemicals, including cyanide, lead, arsenic, mercury, and formaldehyde.⁹
- One person dies every hour in Indiana from a smoking-related illness.²
- Indiana ranks 2nd highest in smoking among the 50 states.²
- There are no federal, state, or local laws that stop a landlord from adopting a 100% smoke-free policy.
- As of 2010, 186 housing authorities in 27 states have adopted smoke-free policies.

TOBACCO FREE HOUSING PROTECTS TENANTS

- Smoke-free policies in apartments and other multi-family structures reduce the risk of cigarette-related fires, damages, and deaths by eliminating lighted smoking materials from the interior of the building.²¹
- Secondhand smoke cannot be controlled by ventilation or air cleaning. The only solution to this problem is to make buildings smoke-free.-- Smoke Free Maine
- Banning smoking indoors is the only way to fully protect people from the dangers of secondhand smoke.²²
- Everyone has a right to breathe healthy air.²⁰

WE CAN HELP

- For Owners: Smoke- Free Indy can assist your organization in going smoke-free. For more information visit www.smokefreeindy.com
- For Tenants: Talk to your neighbors and landlord about why you want a smoke-free policy and how it will save money.

TOBACCO-FREE HOUSING SAVES OWNERS MONEY

- Some insurance companies offer discounts on property casualty insurance for multi-unit owners with a 100% smoke-free policy.¹⁹
- Apartment turnover costs can be 2 to 7 times greater when smoking is allowed, compared to the cost of maintaining and turning over a smoke-free unit.¹⁹



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