

“It’s less wear and tear on the property, less smoke smell in the walls, the carpets and the windowsills. You can turn a property faster because it takes less time and less cleaning when a unit is smoke free.”

– **Sheila Ledford**
Property manager,
Wellspring Tinini Apts.

“I’m very concerned about what smoking is doing not only to myself, but also my children and grandchildren. It’s something that has to be dealt with. As we age we are prone to so many diseases, so many health problems and smoking certainly does not help any of that.”

– **Arnetta Johnson**
Tenant

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND CONTACTS:

Louisville Apartment Association
(502) 426-6140
<http://www.laaky.com>

HUD Smoke-Free Housing Online Toolkit
(though intended for public housing, it includes good information for any property owner)
<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=pdfowners.pdf>

Smoke-free Policies in Multi Unit Housing Steps for Success
American Lung Association
<http://www.lung.org/stop-smoking/about-smoking/smoke-free-housing.html>

Legal Aid Society of Louisville
416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd.
(502) 584-1254
<http://www.laslou.org/>

Mayor’s Healthy Hometown Online Toolkit for Landlords
www.louisvilleky.gov/healthyhometown



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GOING SMOKE FREE

Good for Business Good for Health

Information for Property
Owners and Landlords



Across the country many property managers and landlords are implementing a **no smoking clause to improve the health of their tenants and to improve their bottom line**. Going smoke free makes your buildings healthier, safer and easier to maintain and decreases your risk of fire and other liabilities.

Surveys conducted across the country show that nearly 75% of renters want to live in smoke-free homes because it is clearly good for health:

- Secondhand smoke causes or worsens several chronic diseases including asthma, emphysema, lung cancer, heart disease, stroke, chronic bronchitis as well as sudden infant death syndrome
- Secondhand smoke can cause severe and even fatal asthma attacks
- There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke
- Secondhand smoke cannot be effectively controlled by ventilation or air purification systems

- The dangers of secondhand smoke are particularly critical for children, the elderly and people with respiratory illnesses

Did you know:

- Smoking is not a constitutional right and smokers do not constitute a protected class for legal purposes.
- No federal, state, or local laws prohibit property owners and landlords from creating rules or lease provisions to make their property smoke-free and prohibit residents from smoking on property.
- About 65% of air can be exchanged between apartment units through shared ventilation systems and cracks and other tiny passages in the structure itself, thus spreading the dangers of secondhand smoke to non-smoking residents.

- It can cost almost \$3,000 more to rehabilitate a smoking apartment unit versus a non-smoking apartment unit.
- Making your property smoke-free reduces your costs and liability and creates a safer, healthier environment for tenants.
- Some insurance companies offer discounts on property casualty insurance for multi-unit owners with a 100% smoke-free policy.
- Even current tenants can be “grandfathered” into new smoke-free policies.

Want more information about converting your rental property to smoke-free? Contact us at 584-6858.