



## Benefits of Smoke-free Housing for Property Owners and Managers



### Reduce costs and turn-over time.

Cleaning and refurbishing a unit can cost up to \$3,000 more than a smoke-free unit.



### Save on insurance premiums.

Some insurance companies offer reduced rates to buildings with smoke-free policies.



### Smoke-free buildings reduce the risk, costs and liability associated with fires.<sup>1</sup>

**80%** of Missourians do not smoke<sup>2</sup> and most renters, including people who smoke, would choose smoke-free housing if given the choice.<sup>1,3</sup>

**Smoke-free policies are easy to enforce** and can be enforced like any other lease violation.<sup>4</sup>

**Smoke-free leases are legal.<sup>1</sup>**

**Smoke-free buildings are for everyone.** People who smoke are still welcome to live in the building, they just have to take the smoke outdoors to a designated area.

### Your Property

- + **Secondhand and thirdhand smoke damage your property** and increase maintenance, cleaning and insurance costs.<sup>1</sup>
- + **Secondhand smoke travels between units** through doorways, cracks in walls, electrical lines, ventilation systems and plumbing.<sup>5</sup>
- + **Thirdhand smoke is the residue left behind from cigarette smoke** and cannot be removed through normal cleaning methods.

- + **It contains 250 chemicals and sticks to dust, carpets, upholstery, walls, hair, clothes, pets' fur and feathers.** The toxic chemicals left behind can re-emit and off gas back into the air. It cannot be removed through routine cleaning methods and can remain months after smoking has stopped.<sup>6,7</sup>
- + **Allowing smoking in the building increases risk of fire.** Most residential fire deaths are caused by cigarettes.<sup>1</sup>

### Your Tenants

Exposing residents to secondhand smoke opens property owners to legal action from residents who experience health issues as a result of the exposure.<sup>1</sup>

**1 out of 3** people who don't smoke and live in rental housing are exposed to secondhand smoke.<sup>2</sup>

Children living in multiunit housing have higher blood levels of cotinine, a marker of tobacco exposure, even when they live with caregivers who do not smoke.<sup>3</sup>

#### There is no safe level of secondhand smoke.



Children, the elderly, people with disabilities and pregnant women are particularly vulnerable to the health risks associated with secondhand smoke.<sup>3</sup>

**2 out of 5** children are exposed to secondhand smoke. Most children are exposed in the home.<sup>1</sup>



Children exposed to tobacco smoke are at risk for asthma, lung problems, earaches and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).<sup>3</sup>

**Adults are at risk for heart disease, stroke and lung cancer.<sup>1</sup>**



Babies and children are particularly vulnerable to thirdhand smoke, the residue left behind from smoking, when they crawl on contaminated floors or put contaminated items in their mouth.<sup>4</sup>

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