



Tobacco Free Platte & Colfax Counties

Consider a Smoke-Free Policy For Your Rental Units

Secondhand smoke is harmful to all people and can drift from unit to unit.
The only means of effectively eliminating the health risks associated with secondhand smoke exposure is to eliminate smoking.

Source: ASHRAE Position Document on Environmental Tobacco Smoke, June 25, 2008

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Non-smoking policies are legal.

Landlords have the legal right to prohibit smoking on their properties, just as they are free to prohibit pets.

Source: MISmoke-Free Apartment, Accessed from www.mismokefreeapartment.org

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Tenants who smoke inside their homes cause higher cleaning costs than tenants who do not smoke.

It can cost from \$500 to \$8,000 to clean a unit after a smoker moves out.

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Smoke-free policies may reduce property insurance premiums.

Smoke-free policies reduce the risk of fire damage and human injury.

Source: National Multi Housing Council, Property Management Update February 1, 2008

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Most tenants, including smokers, want smoke-free housing!

Source: D. Hennrikus, P R Pentel and S D Sandell, Preferences and Practices among renters regarding smoking restriction in apartment buildings, Tobacco Control 2003;12:189-194

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Research suggests that smoke-free apartment buildings may have increased resale value.

Source: New York Times, "Real Estate & Secondhand Smoke: On Tobacco Road, It's a Tougher Sell," February 8, 2004

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Property owners nationwide have reported that enforcing smoke-free policies isn't a problem.

Enforcing a smoking policy is a lot easier than mediating disputes between smokers and non-smokers when a policy isn't in place.

Source: Smoke-Free Housing Coalition of Maine 2009, Accessed from www.smokefreeforme.org

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Smoke-free policies are a growing trend.

A recent market survey found that 75% of renters would prefer living in a smoke-free building, and more than half would be willing to pay more rent to live in a smoke-free community.

Source: National Apartment Association, Units, Clearing the Air, December 2007.

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