Property Owners & Managers... You Have the Right to Be Smoke-Free

It is **legal** to make your property smoke free.

You can **advertise** your property as being "Smoke Free".

What smoke-free policies DO:

- Lower maintenance costs
- Reduce insurance rates
- Reduce personal Injury
- Reduce fires caused by smoking
- Reduce medical costs

What smoke-free policies DO NOT do:

- Increase staff time in managing properties
- Prohibit smokers from renting or buying
- Evict people simply because they are smokers
- Force people to quit smoking

Smoking is not a "protected class" — there is no state or federal law that establishes the "right to smoke".

82% of Michigan residents support **smoke-free housing**.

Non-smoking policies are good for your health...and finances!

For more information on smoke-free housing, please visit:
www.mismokefreeapartment.org

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Smoke-Free Housing

Clearing the air on tobacco-free homes in Washtenaw County.

Why smoke-free policies are important...

HEALTH

There is **no safe level** of exposure to secondhand smoke.

In Michigan, secondhand smoke **kills 2,500 people** a year.

There are over **4,000 chemicals** in cigarette smoke; 200 of which are poisons and 40 of which are carcinogens.

Secondhand smoke causes an increased risk of **sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)** and **ear infections** in children.

Children living with secondhand smoke are **twice as likely** to develop asthma.

Secondhand smoke is a major cause of preventable disease and death in the United States.

There are **no boundaries** for secondhand smoke.

As much as **60%** of the air in an apartment unit **comes from other units** in the building.

Secondhand smoke **seeps** through vents, light fixtures, crawl spaces, doorways, etc.

Secondhand smoke **cannot be controlled** by ventilation, air cleaning, or the separation of smokers from non-smokers.

The **only solution** to this problem is to make buildings **smoke-free**.

SAFETY

Cigarettes are the leading cause of **fires** in buildings.

Smoking causes 40% of the **deaths** and 16% of the **injuries** associated with apartment fires.

MONEY

It costs **$500 to $8,000 more** to refurbish an apartment that had a smoker living in it compared to an apartment that had only non-smokers.

Extra costs include: scrubbing, priming and re-painting walls covered with tar and nicotine; replacing carpet; replacing counter tops that have cigarette burns; etc.