



# MULTI-UNIT HOUSING AND SECONDHAND SMOKE EXPOSURE

**THERE IS NO SAFE AMOUNT OF SECONDHAND SMOKE EXPOSURE.**



Annually, an estimated 28 million multi-unit housing residents are exposed to secondhand smoke in their home or apartment.

Every person living in multi-unit housing deserves to breathe clean air. Secondhand smoke can travel from other units and common areas through doorways, cracks in walls, plumbing, and ventilation systems. This secondhand smoke negatively impacts physical and mental health. It is essential to have smoke-free policies in multi-unit housing where people live, work, and visit. In addition to protecting the health of residents, smoke-free policies can save money in smoking-related cleaning costs and reduce smoking-related fires. For example, according to the CDC, it would save \$153 million each year if all public housing in the United States was made smoke-free.



The home is the primary place where children are exposed to secondhand smoke.

## BENEFITS OF SMOKE-FREE POLICIES:

IMPROVE AIR QUALITY	IMPROVE HEALTH	RECEIVE PUBLIC SUPPORT	REDUCE SMOKING RATES	SAVE MONEY

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