

SMOKE-FREE HOUSING

Join the smoke-free wave!

A BLUEPRINT TO GOING SMOKE-FREE

#1 DEVELOP THE NO-SMOKING POLICY

- **Decide where smoking is not allowed.** A 100 percent smoke-free rule applies to indoor and outdoor common areas and all units, including private decks and patios. And it has the biggest impact on reducing cleanup costs, fires and health risks.
- **Write lease language.** Include:
 - What the policy covers
 - Who it applies to
 - The definition of smoking
 - Effective dates
 - Consequences for violations.



#2 COMMUNICATE WITH RESIDENTS

- **Current residents:** Send notification letters that explain the importance of smoke-free housing, what the policy covers and effective dates.
- **Prospective residents:** Advertise your property as smoke free; explain to residents before lease signing.

SMOKE-FREE FOR RENT

#3 APPLY THE RULE



- **Current leases:** Add the rule at lease renewal, or by giving at least 30-days notice
- **New leases:** Include the rule in all new leases
- **Month-to-month leases:** Give at least 30 days notice before the change

#4 ENFORCE THE RULE

- Post clear signs
- Respond promptly to complaints
- Enforce the rules as you would any violation



Washington Landlords say going smoke-free is good for business¹:

-95 percent say they are satisfied with their decision to go smoke-free.

-92 percent report no effect on turnover rates.

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of Washington renters prefer smoke-free housing.²

We can help pay for signage, provide technical assistance and education for King County properties.

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