

Smoke-free Homes

Important for Individuals



Vital Public Health Policy

Kudos to Owners of Apartments that are Smoke-Free!



An article in the December 2007 issue of Units magazine, published by the National Apartment Association (NAA) stated: “Few owners experience backlash from residents after implementing and enforcing a no-smoking policy.”

Known smoke-free apartment complexes are located at:

331 Washington Street, in Santa Cruz

600 Park Avenue, in Capitola

4401 Capitola Road, in Capitola

Renters looking for a place to live are encouraged to ask for a smoke-free unit

Owners and tenants benefit from smoke-free policies.

Tenants no longer face the risk of exposure to secondhand smoke in their own home!

Smoke-free homes are particularly important for children, who breathe at a faster rate, and for pets, who are also vulnerable to the effects of secondhand smoke.

Sample Leases & Information About Implementing Smoke-Free Policies

The Smokefree Apartment House Registry is an outstanding resource for addendum leases, and a great deal of information about implementing smoke-free policies. They have information for owners, tenants, and elected officials. A guide to addressing tenant concerns is provided as well.

Their website address is: <http://www.smokefreeapartments.org/>

Free Legal Assistance

TALC – The Technical Assistance Legal Center, which is part of Public Health, Law and Policy. They provide free technical assistance on a wide range of legal and policy issues.

Their website address is: <http://talc.phi.org/index.html>

What to Know about Secondhand Smoke

- > In January 2006, the California Air Resources Board designated secondhand smoke as a toxic air contaminant in the same category as the most toxic automotive and industrial pollutants.
- > In June of 2006, the U.S. Surgeon General stated that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.
- > Drifting smoke indiscriminately impacts neighbors. Secondhand smoke seeps into other apartments through shared ventilation systems, open windows, and gaps around electrical wiring, plumbing and ductwork.
- > Smoke-free housing is not a luxury. It is a basic health protection that every Californian deserves.

