



# Smoke-Free Housing

## IT IS LEGAL!

- ◆ Tenants affected by secondhand smoke are protected by the Fair Housing Act and may file a complaint for “reasonable accommodations”.
- ◆ Housing owners may be legally liable for allowing secondhand smoke to harm others.
- ◆ Smokers are not a protected class under the Fair Housing Laws.
- ◆ There is no constitutional or judicially recognized “right to smoke” in a multi-unit dwelling - whether the dwelling is privately owned or is public housing.
- ◆ Smoke-free housing policies are legal and allowed under Federal and Alaska law.

## IT IS PROFITABLE!

- ◆ It costs \$500-\$5,000 more to “turn over” a smoker’s unit than a non-smoker’s unit.
- ◆ Smoke-free housing reduces cleaning and maintenance costs inside and outside the housing facility.
- ◆ Smoke-free housing reduces the risks and costs related to housing fires.
- ◆ The majority of tenants prefer to live in smoke-free housing.
- ◆ A smoke-free housing policy may reduce property insurance premiums.

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