



Thank you for contacting us about your interest in learning more regarding smoke-free condominiums. Live Smoke Free is a nonprofit program that can help with issues of secondhand smoke by educating communities on the benefits of adopting a smoke-free policy. I'm enclosing some information on the benefits of adopting a smoke-free policy at Common Interest Communities.

Dangers of Secondhand Smoke

The construction of condominium and cooperative units is frequently very similar to that of rental apartment units. From previous studies on secondhand smoke transfer in apartment buildings, we know that tobacco smoke moves between condominiums and cooperatives, even in side-by-side townhomes, much as it does in rental units.

Benefits of a Smoke-Free Policy

Tobacco smoke deposits on surfaces and leaves a residual odor. Apartment landlords can spend hundreds of dollars attempting to remove the traces of a previous smoking tenant. A seller of a condominium may find it difficult to find a buyer if the unit smells of secondhand smoke drifting in from another condominium.

Implementation Process

The process for implementing a smoke-free policy in rental and owner-occupant settings is very similar. The specific documents needed to implement a policy will vary a little between properties.

Live Smoke Free works with an attorney at the Public Health Law Center in St. Paul who is specializing in smoke-free housing. In 2010, he was the Principle Investigator on a grant to study smoking issues in condos and other owner-occupied multi-housing. He may be able to give you some assistance and we would be happy to put you in touch with him.

Since we are a nonprofit program, all of our services, materials, and consultations are free. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

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