

SMOKE-FREE HOUSING

Why it matters to you, the resident.

You breathe your neighbor's air.



Up to 65% of the air coming into a given apartment comes from other units in the building.¹

Filtration systems do not eliminate the health risks caused by secondhand smoke.²

You are exposed to secondhand smoke and its health effects if your neighbors smoke.



Smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths in apartments³

25%

About 25% of victims who die in smoking-related fires in the US are not the smoker whose cigarettes caused the fire.⁴

There is no safe level of Secondhand smoke^{5, 6}



Children

exposed to secondhand smoke have more ear infections, pneumonia, bronchitis and asthma



Adults

exposed to secondhand smoke are at greater risk for heart attack, stroke, and cancer

To learn more, visit: www.smokefreehousingnc.org

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