

# INDOR SMOKING KILLS!

There's a reason why many states have enacted statewide bans on smoking in enclosed public places.

## It's because indoor smoking <u>KILLS</u>!

Its dangerous consequences must not be overlooked.



### **Secondhand Smoke:**

- Is a known carcinogen.
- Causes about 42,000 adult deaths each year.

### **Thirdhand Smoke:**

- Is the nicotine residue left on surfaces from tobacco smoke.
- Becomes more toxic with time.



- Increases the risk of children developing asthma, pneumonia, and bronchitis.
- Finds its way through ventilation systems, under doors, and through windows.

### Smoking-Material Residential Fires:

- Cause over \$600 million in direct property damage every year.
- Are the leading cause of civilian home fire deaths.

- Cannot be easily removed.
  - May be carcinogenic.



# SMOKERS ARE 7 TIMES MORE LIKELY THAN NONSMOKERS TO HAVE A FIRE IN THEIR HOME.

### **Other Consequences:**

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### OVER ZJU HOUSING HOUSING AUTHORITIES HAVE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY GONE SMOKE-FREE.

- apartments that have been smoked in need more layers of paint, more carpet replaced, more cleaning, etc.
- Even with extensive cleaning, painting, and carpet
  - replacement, nicotine residue may remain.
- Apartment buildings that allow smoking

indoors have more vacancies, higher insurance rates, and lower profits.

 Non-smoking tenants can bring legal action related to secondhand smoke exposure against owners and smoking tenants.



#### LANDLORD? GO SMOKE-FREE!

- Establish an explicit smoke-free policy.
- Educate your residents on the change in policy.
- Adjust leases and rental terms to include nonsmoking clauses.
- As smoked-in units are vacated, hire experienced

cleaning professionals to eliminate nicotine residue.

- Enforce the smoke-free policy.
- Get support and assistance from online and local resources.

### INDOOR SMOKING IS DANGEROUS! TAKE IT OUTSIDE!

