

# INDOOR SMOKING KILLS!



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

**It's because indoor smoking KILLS!**

Its dangerous consequences must not be overlooked.

## Secondhand Smoke:

- Is a known carcinogen.
- Causes about 42,000 adult deaths each year.
- Increases the risk of children developing asthma, pneumonia, and bronchitis.
- Finds its way through ventilation systems, under doors, and through windows.



## Thirdhand Smoke:

- Is the nicotine residue left on surfaces from tobacco smoke.
- Becomes more toxic with time.
- Cannot be easily removed.
- May be carcinogenic.



## Smoking-Material Residential Fires:

- Cause over \$600 million in direct property damage every year.
- Are the leading cause of civilian home fire deaths.
- Kill about 1,000 people each year.



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

## Other Consequences:

**OVER 230 HOUSING AUTHORITIES HAVE SUCCESSFULLY GONE SMOKE-FREE.**

- Homes and 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!**