

Model Policy for a Smoke-free Condominium or Apartment

The following language can be used to implement a smoke-free policy in a multi-unit dwelling. In apartment complexes, the provisions can be added to the lease. This is most easily done gradually, as new individuals apply to become tenants. For condominiums, the language can be added to the Conditions, Covenants, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) and implemented immediately or at a specified future date.

Include in the "Definitions" section of the lease or CC&Rs:

SMOKING: The term "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, or other tobacco product in any manner or in any form.

Include in the restrictions section of the lease or CC&Rs:

SMOKING: Due to the increased risk of fire, and the known adverse health effects of secondhand smoke, smoking is prohibited in any area of the property, both private and common, whether enclosed or outdoors. This policy applies to all owners, tenants, guests, employees, and servicepersons.

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