



# **SMOKE-FREE HOUSING**

The Smoke-Free Housing Program at Columbus Public Health provides FREE assistance to public and private property managers who are interested in transitioning to smoke-free housing in Columbus, OH.

# Why Become a Smoke-Free Property?

#### **For Your Residents**

- Secondhand smoke causes disease and death in infants, children, and nonsmoking adults
- There is no way to prevent smoke from traveling from one apartment to the next
- 78% of tenants surveyed, including smokers, said that they want to live in a smoke-free environment

### For Your Bottom Line

- Smoke-free policies can save up to \$2,955 per unit on repairs and cleaning
- Smoke-free policies reduce likelihood of fire damage
- Some insurance companies offer discounts for properties with a 100% smoke-free policy

# **Help Is Available**

Columbus Public Health provides FREE on-going assistance to properties that want to adopt a smoke-free housing policy.

### **Examples of services include:**

- Educate employees and residents
- Lead resident meetings
- Suggest and develop smoke-free policy, implementation strategies, and timeline
- Provide sample lease/addendums
- Sample announcement letters to send to residents
- · Resources to help residents who want to quit smoking
- Provide appropriate smoke-free signage
- · Strategies for advertising your smoke-free building

## We will help every step of the way!



## **Contact:**

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