

# Why a Smoke-Free Housing Community Is Good for Everybody!

## You and your family are safer!

- A no smoking rule at your residence will reduce the risk of fire.
- The Hartford Insurance Company reports that more people die in fires caused by smoking than any other type of fire.
- Smoking is the #1 cause of residential fires in Oregon.
- Smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths in Washington.



## You and your family are healthier!

- Cigarette smoking is the single most preventable cause of disease and death in the United States.
- More than 430,000 Americans die each year from tobacco-related causes.
- Second-hand smoke kills! Each year 53,000 non-smokers (including 800 Oregonians) die from second-hand smoke.
- According to the Surgeon General, second-hand smoke “remains a common public health hazard that is entirely preventable.” The Surgeon General adds, “Smoking bans are the most effective method for reducing” second-hand smoke.
- Second-hand smoke increases the risk of heart disease and lung cancer in adults and of sudden infant death syndrome and respiratory problems in children.
- Second-hand smoke contains over 43 chemicals (including arsenic, formaldehyde, and benzene) that cause cancer.

## It may save you Money!

- In some cases you can receive a discount on your rental insurance if you live in a smoke-free community.

## Facts we bet you didn't know

- Three quarters of renters do not smoke at all.
- 19% of renters smoke daily—but only 7% smoke inside daily.
- Two-thirds of smokers agree that even small amounts of second-hand smoke are hazardous to your health.
- Landlords have the legal right to make their properties smoke-free.

