

Sample Tenant Handout

What Tenants Should Know about the No-Smoking Rule at *[your property's name]*

Write your rule here. Include the effective date, and penalties for non-compliance.

A no-smoking rule will do lots of good things, but here are the top 3 reasons why it's a good idea:

1. You will be safer from fires
2. The air will be healthier for everybody who lives here
3. There will be less damage to the units

Our no-smoking rule is not a 'no-smoker rule.' Smokers will simply have to step outside *to the designated area* _____. We understand this may be an inconvenience for you and we appreciate your help in keeping our property clean and safe for ALL our tenants. The Oregon Tobacco Quit Line is a free service that can help you quit smoking: 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

Facts about Smoking and Secondhand Smoke:

- Secondhand smoke has over 4000 chemicals and at least 43 of them cause cancer. The chemicals include arsenic, formaldehyde, carbon monoxide and benzene.
- Secondhand smoke is especially bad for children, the elderly and people with health problems.
- Ventilation systems cannot remove the cancer-causing chemicals in secondhand smoke.
- Smoking is the number one cause of residential fire deaths.
- Smokers have been sued by neighbors who have been hurt by secondhand smoke.

If you have questions or concerns about this rule, please call *write name and number here*.

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