

Sample Tenant Handout

What Tenants Should Know about the Smoking Restrictions at *[your property's name]*

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

Smoking restrictions will do lots of good things, but here are the top 3 reasons why they are 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 smoking restrictions are not a 'no-smoker rule.' Smokers will simply have to step outside to *[the designated area]* if they choose to smoke. 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 Maryland Department of Health provides a free service that can help you quit smoking. Call 1-800-Quit-Now or visit www.smokingstopshere.com.

Facts about Smoking and Secondhand Smoke:

- Secondhand smoke has over 4,000 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 *[name and number]*.