



Dear Resident:

The information in this packet is meant to educate people about smokefree housing. It can also be used to help housing complexes become smokefree. Everyone has the right to breathe clean indoor air, free from the deadly chemicals in secondhand smoke.

Educating property managers/landlords is important. Many don't know that smokefree housing is legal and saves them money. Use the brochure and Legality and Profitability sheet in this packet to inform the property manager/landlord and other residents about smokefree housing.

If someone finds they have a health problem that is made worse when around secondhand smoke, there is a Sample Physician Letter that can be given to their doctor. This is an example of a letter the doctor can write to document the health problems.

Also in this packet is a Sample Resident Survey and a Sample Resident Survey Letter. These may be used to survey the other people in the housing complex. The survey results may be helpful when speaking to property managers/landlords.

However, the physician letter or resident survey is not needed to educate your property manager/landlord and ask that they make the housing smokefree.

The Sample Smokefree Housing Policy and Sample Smokefree Lease Addendum/ House Rule can be changed to fit any type of housing. These are used to put a smokefree policy in place. A minimum of 30 days is required by law to make any changes in a lease agreement. It is best to allow 60 days (or more) before starting the smokefree policy. This is because it takes time to educate all residents, staff and visitors on the new changes. It is also good to take time to put up smokefree signs around the housing complex.

We also suggest giving information about quitting tobacco to residents. We have put some Alaska Tobacco Quit Line information in this packet to give to residents who might be interested in quitting.

Please call us if you have any questions.

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