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The New No Smoking Policy Frequently Asked Questions

Is it legal to ban smoking in my apartment?

Yes, smoking is a choice and apartment owners can choose to make their properties smoke free. Property owners can choose to restrict smoking the same way they do noise and pets. Also, HUD has mandated **“No Smoking in Public Housing”** and policies must be effective before June 30, 2018. SB 332 which gives landlords the authority to ban smoking in multi-unit housing in California, was signed into law by Governor Brown and went into effect on January 1, 2012.

What is a secondhand smoke and why is HACB going smoke free?

Secondhand smoke is the smoke that is exhaled by a smoker or it comes from the burning end of a cigarette, pipe, cigar or other product. The Surgeon General of the United States stated in 2010 that “there is no risk-free level of secondhand smoke exposure.” Secondhand smoke damages property and increases the risk of fire damage. HACB wants to protect its property and residents from exposure to secondhand smoke through a lease addendum to be signed by you the resident.

Are there other housing authorities that are smoke free?

Yes, all Public Housing Authorities will need to implement “No Smoking in Public Housing”. Many Housing Authorities in California now are smoke free or policies will be implemented by June 30, 2018.

Where will I be allowed to smoke?

You will be allowed to smoke off property.

What is the date I have to stop smoking in my apartment and the property in which I live in?

April 1, 2018

Can guests smoke outside of my apartment?

No. Guests can't smoke outside of the apartment because the new lease addendum doesn't allow guests to smoke on the property. Please note that you are responsible to ensure your guests do not smoke in your apartment or the premises.

How will this policy be enforced?

This policy will be enforced on a complaint basis and in compliance with HUD policies and provisions. In addition, **the HACB “No Smoking Policy” Lease Addendum will entail the graduated enforcement framework that includes escalating warnings.** Serious repeated violations will be addressed by HACB staff and treated like any other lease violation. It is not the goal of this policy to punish residents; this policy is intended to protect the health and safety of residents.

How can I quit smoking?

Free quit smoking information and brochures are available at the Butte County Public Health Department. For information call (530) 538-6448 or Cessation resources listed on their website, nobotts.org; <https://www.nobotts.org/county-listing> or call **1-800-NO-BUTTS** (1-800-662-8887) for more information.



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