

Ka Papahana Home Paka`ole: Hawai`i Smoke-Free Homes Initiative

The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii, the Hawaii State Department of Health, and other community partners are working together to create healthier and safer communities by reducing secondhand smoke exposure in condominiums, apartments, and town-homes in Hawai'i. This initiative offers information, trainings and tools which allow condominiums, apartments, and town-homes to create and implement 100% smoke-free living environments in their complexes, should they be interested in doing so. Creating smoke-free environments is a healthy choice that protects families and children: It is legal; the majority of people in Hawai'i want it, and it ultimately saves landlords and owners money!

Why Go 100% Smoke-Free?

- **16%** of apartments and condominiums in Hawai'i already protect residents from secondhand smoke by having policies that prohibit smoking on lanai and individual units¹.
- The number of homeowners in Hawai'i who have voluntarily created smoke-free policies in their homes has increased 54.9% from 1992-2003⁵.
- Secondhand smoke in apartments/condos affects **millions** of people nationwide².
- Health risks for smoking in the home are **the same** as elsewhere (bars, restaurants, etc.)²
- Secondhand smoke **cannot** be controlled by ventilation (i.e. smoke drift)³.
- On June 30, 2005, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating & Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) issued their latest position document on secondhand smoke. It states: "At present, the only means of effectively eliminating health risk associated with indoor exposure is to ban smoking activity." www.ashrae.org
- Good deal for landlords – evidence shows that costs for insurance, cleaning, & legal liability actually **decrease** when you go smoke-free.⁴
- It's legal to do – federal, state or local laws **do not** prevent condos/apts from creating smoke-free policies on their properties (Hawaii State Attorney General, U.S. HUD Hawaii Field Office).

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¹Krupitsky, D., Kishaba, G. Smoke-Free Policies in Hawaii's Apartments and Condominiums. [Unpublished] version: April 20, 2007

²U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The health consequences of involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke: a report of the Surgeon General. Atlanta, GA: US DHHS, CDC; 2006, available at http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/sgr/sgr_2006/index.htm.

³US Environmental Protection Agency. Smoke-free homes program. Available at <http://www.epa.gov/smokefree>

⁴New York Times, "Real Estate & Secondhand Smoke: On Tobacco Road, It's a Tougher Sell," February 8, 2004.

⁵U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. State-specific prevalence of smoke-free home rules. Mortality & Morbidity Weekly Report, 56(20). Atlanta, GA: US DHHS, CDC; 2006.