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Reasons We Are Adopting



“The scientific evidence is now indisputable: secondhand smoke is not a mere annoyance. It is a serious health hazard that can lead to disease and premature death in children and nonsmoking adults.”

- US Surgeon General, 2006

“At present the only means of effectively eliminating the health risks associated with indoor exposure is to ban smoking activity.”

- American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers



A NEW NO-SMOKING POLICY

- 1 Healthier Environment:** You, your family and guests, as well as our staff, will be protected from the dangers of secondhand smoke, a cancer causing substance in the same category as asbestos.
- 2 Fire safety:** Our smoke free property will be much less likely to have a serious or deadly fire.
- 3 Desirable Place to Live:** Most renters are looking for a smoke free place to live. The majority of smokers already smoke outside and they want to live in a smoke free home too.
- 4 Cost savings:** With a no-smoking policy, we'll save money cleaning and turnover costs. Damages from cigarettes will be eliminated and it will be easier to keep the place nice.
- 5 Trends:** No-smoking policies are becoming the rental industry standard. Many, many properties in this region, both private and public, have successfully adopted no-smoking policies.

We realize that some people may view a no-smoking policy negatively. This is not about whether a person has the right to smoke. We're merely making rules about where smoking is and is not allowed.

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU QUIT

For those who may be motivated to quit smoking, we encourage you to call the South Carolina Quit Line, a free phone call, free personalized counseling, and if eligible, nicotine replacement therapy.

Call **1-800-QUIT-NOW** (784-8669) and **1-877-266-3863** (Spanish).

For more information about no-smoking policies in rentals, go to www.smokefreehousinginfo.com

Many smokers are using the no-smoking policy as a motivation to quit and they are succeeding!