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Higher profits. Happier owners. Healthier residents.

Experience the
quiet enjoyment of
a smoke-free condo.

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owners and
associations have
a legal right to
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smoke-free.

- Cleaning and repairing smoking-related damages can cost condo owners and associations hundreds, even thousands of dollars in increased maintenance fees.
- Smoking is the leading cause of home fire deaths in Maine.
- Secondhand smoke leaks around outlets and pipes, easily escaping into adjacent units and common areas.
- Ventilation systems are designed to remove odors, not the 50 cancer-causing chemicals in tobacco smoke.
- According to the U.S. Surgeon General, there is no safe level of secondhand smoke exposure.

Smoke-free policies are legal, easy, and make your condo more marketable.

- Condo owners and associations have a legal right to make their units and buildings smoke-free. There are no federal, state, or local laws prohibiting smoke-free policies in condominiums.
- Condo associations and unit owners may find themselves liable if they fail to take action to address occupant issues around involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke.
- Designating your condo as smoke-free will increase its market value. 78% of all Mainers who rent, including smokers, prefer a smoke-free environment and just 20% of all Maine adults smoke.
- Condo associations already impose restrictions; for example, regarding trash disposal, pets, and remodeling. Similarly, smoke-free provisions can be added to governing documents, such as covenants, restrictions, bylaws and association rules.

Why wait? We can help!

Contact the Smoke-Free Housing Coalition of Maine

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