



We Are Advocating For Smoke-Free Multiunit Housing

TAKE STEPS TO LIVE SMOKE-FREE

If you are a renter or owner suffering from secondhand smoke, there are steps you can take to work with your property owner/manager to adopt a smoke-free policy for the property.

- ✓ If your building is **not smoke-free**, ask your manager about making the units smoke-free.
- ✓ If your building is already smoke-free, speak to your manager to **ensure rules are being followed and enforced**.

As local community leaders, you can play an important role to protect the health of all Corona residents.

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City of Corona we need you to take action by adopting and implementing policies that prohibit smoking in multiunit housing properties.



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About The Vive Project

The VIVE project of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network is working to fight cancer by making the air around our homes and neighborhoods cleaner and easier to breathe. We know that long-term sustainability comes from neighborhoods willing to change the community norms.

Know the facts and join us as we make a change for a healthier Corona.

Smoking In Residential Buildings Can Be Dangerous

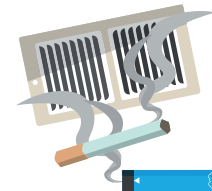
- ✓ **Smoking increases the risk of fire** - the leading cause of fire deaths in the US.¹
- ✓ In the US every year, an average of **7,600 fires** related to smoking occur in residential buildings responsible for **14% of fire deaths.**¹
- ✓ Deaths due to **smoking-related residential fires are higher than nonsmoking residential fires.**¹

Why Corona Needs Smoke-Free Multiunit Housing Laws

- ✓ Smoke-free indoor air policies have proven to be effective to **reduce secondhand smoke and decrease smoking.**²
- ✓ **Increase successful cessation** and **decrease tobacco initiation** among adolescents.²
- ✓ Approximately **1 in 3 multiunit housing residents** are covered by smoke-free building policies.²
- ✓ **Improve health status**, including fewer heart attacks and cancers.²

Why Is It Important To Have Smoke-Free Multiunit Housing Policies?

- ✓ Protects housing residents from dangerous secondhand smoke.
- ✓ Encourages healthy behaviors for residents and employees.
- ✓ Reduces the chance that youth will smoke.
- ✓ Reduces the turnover cost of units.
- ✓ Lowers fire risk and insurance costs.



Secondhand smoke in multiunit housing is especially troubling because smoke can easily transfer between units - seeping under doorways, through electrical, plumbing, and ventilation systems, and even through cracks in the walls.³ **The only way to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure is to prevent it.**

Many neighborhoods throughout California have already passed laws and smoke-free policies in or around multiunit housing communities.



What Residents Are Saying - VIVE surveyed residents of Corona on smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke in their homes. Here is what we found:

63%



smelled other people's tobacco smoke in their homes⁴

91%



of those who smelled tobacco smoke did nothing⁴

82%



prefer to live in a smoke-free apartment or house⁴

83%



prefer smoke-free complexes, including common areas⁴

**Every Person Should Have The Right To Breathe Smoke-Free Air Where They Live And Play!
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