



FACT SHEET

Tips for What You Can Do If You Get a Complaint — Until You Have a No Smoking Policy

The U.S. Surgeon General's 2006 Report concludes that separating smokers from non-smokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings cannot eliminate exposure to second-hand smoke for nonsmokers.

As an owner or manager, there are repairs or changes that may reduce your tenants' exposure to secondhand smoke. These changes will help to reduce the health risks associated with secondhand smoke exposure, but will not eliminate the drift of smoke. Your best option to eliminate smoke is to implement a no smoking policy.

Until you have a no-smoking policy in place, there are some repairs or changes that can help relieve smoke:

- Fill in openings in floors and walls using tape, foam, or caulk.
- Install pads and seals around electrical outlets and switches.
- Waterproof doors and windows with weathering stripping.
- Install fans and increase outside air, this will help to remove smoke or bring in fresh air.
- Ask smokers to restrict smoking: for example ask them not to smoke near openings, windows, or doors.
- Post "No-Smoking" signs in common areas.