

8/21/14

If you have adopted a Smoke-Free Policy, are you having any problems enforcing it?

Yes we have problems enforcing it. (Alice)

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We adopted ours on 1/1/14 and have had minimal problems. We have not had to evict anyone, but have issued several lease violations. Sometimes it is tricky to verify they are still smoking inside. Most of our residents (roughly 75%- an educated guess!) are very happy with this new policy. It was a lengthy process to get this done. I am happy to share with anyone who is interested our checklist and "plan" to get this in place. We have actually had several residents tell us this has motivated them to quit. We are very pleased with this new policy. It makes for a much healthier environment for our residents and our employees who are working in the apartments. Even some of our employees have quit smoking. We did this across the board for every type of housing we have to include open market apartments. (Temple/Belton (Central Texas Housing Consortium))

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Yes we have policy and the majority of people abide by it. Those that don't are told they will pay for repainting apartment if continue (Nocona)

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Not many problems, most people smoke outdoors. (Round Rock)

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The smoking policy is an ongoing enforcement issue, but most of the residents comply. (San Marcos)

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Yes we have adopted a policy and no, we have no problems enforcing it. (Plano)

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We took the survey and it was high for the Smoke-Free Policy. We implemented for inside any building or Agency vehicle. After implementation, we had many "thank-yous" but some gripes. I lost 3 elderly residents directly because of rumors that they can't smoke anywhere on property. Even when we explained, they believed the rumors over us. Oh well. After that hurdle, we have very little friction from anyone about it. It is a very good marketing tool as well. (New Boston)

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We have been non smoking for about a year. A few people had a hard time adjusting, one tenant moved out and we've had to issue a few warnings. (McLean)

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Yes we have a smoking policy that only allows smoking on their porch or in the two designated outdoor designated smoking areas. And YES we have had people smoke inside their apartment even though they signed the policy and agreed not to smoke inside before moving in. (Johnson City)

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We enforced a Smoke-Free Policy about a year ago. Lots of complaints at the beginning but it has settled down. Most of the tenants complaining have either cycled

out or become compliant. We include a notice in all our application packets so they are aware of the policy before they move in (South Plains RHA)

Yes, 2 years ago. We have written a few violations/fines for smoking. (Whitney)

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Yes, and no problems. (Pineland)

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We went smoke free in 2009 and have policy in place. You have to give residents an alternative place to smoke if not in unit or buildings. We designated front porch, really anywhere outside, provided they dispose of ashes, cigarette butts, etc responsibly. We haven't had any problems enforcing the policy. It has made a world of difference in the units on move-out. Make ready preparation time is now considerably less. (Flatonia)