

## Smoke-free policies save money and attract tenants.

99% of all landlords who have a smoke-free policy in place believe it is a good decision, according to recent studies.

THE COST TO REHABILITATE A UNIT WHERE SMOKING IS ALLOWED

	<i>Nonsmoking</i>	<i>Heavy Smoking</i>
General Cleaning	\$321	\$1,285
Paint	\$195	\$550
Flooring	\$57	\$1,635
Appliances	\$70	\$562
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$643</b>	<b>\$4,032</b>

Data reflects surveys from housing authorities and subsidized housing facilities in New England, 2009.

- Maine law requires property owners and managers to disclose, in writing, if and where smoking is allowed on their rental property. This law has prompted many landlords to transition their properties to be 100% smoke-free.
- Smoking is a leading cause of home fire death in Maine.
- There is no legal barrier to enacting a smoke-free policy. People who smoke are not a protected class under Maine or Federal anti-discrimination laws.
- HUD (Housing & Urban Development) strongly encourages the implementation of smoke-free policies for all residential units.
- There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Air filtration systems remove odors, but do not remove the cancer-causing chemicals in tobacco smoke.
- Maine law requires all common indoor areas in multi-unit housing to be smoke-free. This isn't enough to protect residents, since secondhand smoke travels from unit to unit within buildings.

**Eight out of ten Maine tenants, including people who smoke, prefer to live in a smoke-free apartment.**



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