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The rules about marijuana use in public housing can be confusing for both PHA staff and residents. "[Marijuana in Multi-Unit Residential Settings](#)" from the Public Health Law Center answers some of the most common questions on this topic.

Learn more about the risks of exposure to [secondhand marijuana smoke](#) from the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation.



MARIJUANA IN MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS

As a growing number of states legalize medical and recreational marijuana and wrestle with related issues, such as regulating use in public areas and workplaces, property owners and tenants are beginning to ask questions about use in different multi-unit residential settings.

This fact sheet addresses a few common questions about smoking or using marijuana in multi-unit residences, including federally subsidized housing, and discusses similarities between smoke-free tobacco and marijuana policies. For a more detailed discussion about overlap between marijuana and tobacco control legislation, check out the Consumer's New Research, Policy, Smoking & Public Health Lessons from Tobacco Control for Marijuana Regulation.



Q: Is secondhand marijuana smoke harmful?

A: Limited research exists regarding the impact of exposure to secondhand marijuana smoke.¹ The combustion or vaporization of marijuana produces carcinogens, irritants, and toxins.

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