

CLEAN AIR FOR ALL

THE SMOKE-FREE PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT

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Compliance Tip: Maintain a Safe Community

If residents feel unsafe when they go outside, complying with a smoke-free policy can be difficult. Working with residents and the community to ensure that PHA grounds and the neighborhood are safe can improve smoke-free compliance, among other benefits.

SAFETY TIPS for MANAGERS

Work With Residents

- Listen to residents' safety concerns and work together to identify strategies to increase the safety of the building and grounds
- Make sure that all residents are educated on the building's established safety features and protocols
- Help residents organize a community crime watch group
- Invite your local police department to provide personal safety tips at a resident meeting

Improve the Property

- Walk the grounds with a local crime prevention officer to identify potentially unsafe areas
- Keep sidewalks and pathways leading to the designated smoking area clear of snow, ice, etc.
- Make sure that all entrances and the grounds are well lit
- Place designated smoking areas in highly visible spots

SAFETY TIPS for RESIDENTS

Talk to your Property Manager

- Discuss safety concerns
- Report suspicious activity to the property manager and the police
- Organize a community watch group

Bring Safety With You

- If you go outside, do not go alone; bring a buddy
- Do not bring valuables with you outside
- Bring a cell phone so you can call 9-1-1 if necessary

Be Aware of Your Surroundings

- Be alert; don't be distracted by listening to music or talking on the phone
- Learn to identify unsafe situations

Pick A Safe Time and Place

- Stay in well-lit areas with high visibility; avoid deserted areas
- Do not prop open outside building doors
- Avoid going outside at night; if you do, carry a flashlight

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