

# Help is Available

- **Smoke-Free Housing Ontario** provides FREE tools and resources to address the problem of involuntary exposure to second-hand smoke at home. Visit their website at [www.smokefreehousingon.ca](http://www.smokefreehousingon.ca)
- The **Ontario Landlord and Tenant Board** can be contacted at 1-800-332-3234 or [www.ltb.gov.on.ca](http://www.ltb.gov.on.ca)
- The *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006* is available at [www.e-laws.gov.on.ca](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca)
- The *Condominium Act, 1998* is available at [www.e-laws.gov.on.ca](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca)
- The **Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario** can be contacted at 1-866-598-0322 or [www.hrto.ca/hrto](http://www.hrto.ca/hrto)
- The **Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport** has information about the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* as it relates to multi-unit residential buildings. Visit their website at [www.mhp.gov.on.ca](http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca) or contact the Service Ontario INFOLine at 1-866-396-1760
- **Smokers' Helpline** offers free support over the telephone or online. Please call 1-877-513-5333 or visit [www.smokershelpline.ca](http://www.smokershelpline.ca)
- The **Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodations (CERA)** can be contacted at 1-800-263-1139, ext. 22 or [www.equalityrights.org/cera](http://www.equalityrights.org/cera)



## PEEL PUBLIC HEALTH

- Enforces the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act*
- Receives complaints about smoking within enclosed common areas of residential buildings
- Provides information about quitting smoking

Please contact the Region of Peel – Public Health at 905-799-7700 (toll-free from Caledon at 905-584-2216) or visit [www.peelregion.ca](http://www.peelregion.ca).



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- Brant County Health Unit [www.bchu.org](http://www.bchu.org)
- Council for a Tobacco-Free Toronto  
[www.toronto.ca/tobaccofreehousing](http://www.toronto.ca/tobaccofreehousing)

# Smoke-Free Living

## A Resource for Residents



## of apartments, condos, town-homes and other multi-unit dwellings (MUDs)

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# Second-hand smoke in apartments, condos, town-homes and other multi-unit dwellings (MUDs)

- People who live in a multi-unit dwelling are more likely to notice second-hand smoke entering their private residential unit
- Second-hand smoke can seep into neighbouring units through shared ventilation systems, open windows or doors, patios/balconies or through crevices around doors, windows or electrical outlets

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SMOKE IS SAFE**

## Smoke-Free Laws

- Smoking is NOT allowed within the **common enclosed areas** of residential buildings (i.e., lobbies, elevators and parking garages) under the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act*
- The *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* does NOT address smoking within private residential units
- **Landlords** are responsible for ensuring compliance with the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* within common enclosed areas of residential buildings

## Smoke-Free Housing is Legal



- The (Ontario) *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006* does not prevent landlords from adopting **no-smoking** policies
- **No-smoking** policies can extend to private residential units or the entire property (including **outdoor areas** such as parking lots and lawns)
- Public support is growing for the **option** of smoke-free housing
- Landlords and housing providers have started to offer smoke-free housing options in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and throughout Ontario



## What you can Do!

- Lodge a formal written complaint with your landlord or condo board
- Propose a **no-smoking** policy for your building
- **Smoke-Free Housing Ontario** has FREE tools and resources to guide you through this process. Visit [www.smokefreehousingon.ca](http://www.smokefreehousingon.ca)
- As a **tenant**, you can approach the Ontario Landlord and Tenant Board at 1-800- 332-3234 or [www.ltb.gov.on.ca](http://www.ltb.gov.on.ca)
- As a tenant or condo resident with a **health condition made worse by exposure to second-hand smoke**, the Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation (CERA) may be able to help. Please contact them at 1-800-263-1139 ext. 22 or [www.equalityrights.org/cera](http://www.equalityrights.org/cera)
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- Contact your city councillor and your member of provincial parliament (MPP) to advocate for more smoke-free housing in Ontario

