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2,200+ Smoke-Free MN Properties and Counting!

# Landlord's Log

*Smoke-Free Housing: Healthier Buildings, Happier Residents, a Smart Investment*

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## Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in smoke-free housing. If you would like more information or have questions about how to adopt, implement, or promote a smoke-free policy, the Live Smoke Free team would be happy to help.

Healthy regards,

*Live Smoke Free Staff*

**Smoke-Free Housing  
Headlines**

## Update: Proposed Smoke-Free Rule From HUD



On November 17, 2015 the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced a proposed rule to mandate smoke-free policies in public housing.

The public comment period for the rule closed on January 19, 2016. HUD will review public comments before the rule is sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs for review. If and when HUD publishes a final rule, public housing agencies will likely be required to adopt a smoke-free policy within 18 months of the effective date of the final rule.

You can learn more about the proposed rule from the [Public Health Law Center](#).

To read the proposed rule, [click here](#).

Follow Live Smoke Free on Facebook for regular updates.



**You're Invited**

[Minneapolis Offers Free Resources to Encourage More Smoke-Free Housing](#)

[Smoke-free housing trend gains steam in Wright Co.](#)

[Smoking Can Make or Break a Real Estate Deal](#)

List your smoke-free building on the FREE Minnesota [smoke-free housing directory!](#)



Renters want smoke-free living. Our [directory](#) gets more than 1,500 unique hits per month!

## [ANSR's 33rd Annual Garage and Plant Sale](#)

Every year, the Association for Nonsmokers-MN (ANSR) hosts a traditional garage & plant sale.

**When:** May 20-21, 2016.

**Where:** 1647 Laurel Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55104

We hope you can join us!

We always need donations. Your support is vital to ANSR, and it is tax deductible.

## Smoke-Free Housing Workshop

**When:** March 29, 2016, 12pm-1:30pm

**Where:** Chaska City Hall Chamber Room, 1 City Hall Plaza, Chaska, MN 55318

This workshop is free and lunch will be provided. Join Live Smoke Free and an attorney from the Public Health Law Center to learn about the benefits of smoke-free housing and how to adopt a smoke-free policy.

To register call 651-646-3005 x325 or email [Jackie](#).

*Visit Live Smoke Free at two upcoming housing conferences (listed below) to ask questions, gather resources, and share your smoke-free stories!*

### Minnesota Multi Housing Association (MHA) 2016 Working Together Conference

**When:** April 12-13, 2016

**Where:** Earle Brown Heritage Center: 6155 Earle Brown Drive | Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

[Click to register for "Working Together"](#)

### Minnesota National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) 2016 Spring Conference

**When:** May 25-27, 2016

**Where:** Madden's Resort and Conference Center, 11266 Pine Beach Peninsula, Brainerd, MN 56401

[Click to register for "Spring NAHRO"](#)

## A Tip for Your Toolbox:



**Want to help your residents quit smoking?** Quitting smoking is tough. Here are a few ways you can make it easier for your residents.

- Adopt a smoke-free policy for your building. Research



## Free cessation services available to all Minnesotans

Quitplan offers free services to all Minnesotans (regardless of insurance status) to help them quit smoking.



has shown that smoke-free policies encourage smokers to quit.

- Make cessation information available to residents. [Click to order.](#)
- Contact Live Smoke Free or your local public health agency and ask about on-site cessation meetings to educate residents on the benefits of quitting, and how they can access free cessation services.
- Tell your residents about [Quitplan](#), Minnesota's free cessation program.

### Spotlight On:

## Community Action Partnership of Scott, Carver, and Dakota Counties



The housing program operated by the Community Action Partnership of Scott, Carver, and Dakota Counties provides safe and stable housing for individuals and families who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless. The agency implemented a smoke-free policy for its 41 housing units located in South St. Paul, Burnsville, and Savage on December 1, 2015.

*Going smoke-free and establishing a no-smoking environment within our properties makes sense for healthy living and aligns into our vision of strong communities with healthy individuals and families.*

-Joseph Vaughan, CEO of CAP Housing

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### Free Signs!



Smoke-free buildings in Minnesota can receive **FREE signs!**

Signage helps with policy

implementation, promotion and compliance. We have door plaques, metal signs, lawn signs and banners. We also have window clings in English, Spanish and Hmong.

Access our order form [here](#)

\*A copy of the smoke-free policy language is required for free signs and/ or to list on our directory. Buildings requesting signage must be located in Minnesota and have a minimum of 100% smoke-free indoor policy. Live Smoke Free reserves the right to limit an order based upon quantities of materials available.

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