



MHA PUBLIC HOUSING SMOKE-FREE POLICY

MHA Management finds that:

WHEREAS, MHA Management cares about the health, welfare and safety of all residents and rental facilities;

WHEREAS, numerous studies have concluded that exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke is a serious health hazard that can cause disease in healthy nonsmokers including cancer, heart disease, and respiratory disease and is responsible for over 53,000 deaths annually nationwide;

WHEREAS, secondhand tobacco smoke is particularly hazardous to elderly people and children, causing or exacerbating asthma, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease and infections, cancer and SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome);

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General's Report in 2006, *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke*, states (1) secondhand smoke exposure causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke, (2) exposure of adults to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system, and (3) "there is NO risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke";

WHEREAS, the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) has determined there is currently no air filtration or other ventilation technology that can completely eliminate the carcinogenic components in secondhand smoke;

THEREFORE, the Missoula Housing Authority adopts this smoke-free housing policy for ALL PUBLIC HOUSING MANAGED BY MHA.

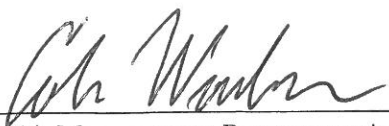
Definitions:

1. "Smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated tobacco product.
2. "Resident" means living in, or staying in any building owned or managed by MHA Management.
3. "Employee" means manager, maintenance, or contractor employed by MHA Management.
4. "Outside areas" means MHA property, specifically any area inside the property lines.



Smoke-free Policy:

1. Effective on June 1, 2016 smoking is not permitted anywhere on MHA property. This includes inside the building(s) and outside areas as described above. This includes, but is not limited to, individual living spaces, porches, patios, all common areas, hallways, stairs, elevators, restrooms, any other enclosed area, entry ways, parking lots, lawns, gardens, and any other outdoor space.
2. This policy applies to all current and new residents, all employees, and all guests at all times.
3. Failure of any resident to follow the smoke-free policy will be considered a lease violation and treated as such under the original terms of the lease. Violations of the Lease Agreement may result in termination of the resident's lease.
4. "No Smoking" signs will be posted inside and outside the building(s).
5. If a resident smells tobacco smoke in any place in the building(s), they will report this to MHA Management as soon as possible.
6. MHA Management will enforce the Smoke-free policy and will respond as soon as possible to secondhand smoke complaints on the property.
7. Upon adoption of the policy, all new and current residents will be given a copy of this Smoke-free Policy.
8. Upon adoption of the policy, all new and current residents will be subject to the Smoke-free Policy and a copy of this Lease Agreement Addendum will be placed in each resident's file. Please retain this copy for your records and be aware that this policy is effective without signature.
9. This MHA Management Smoke-free Policy shall be communicated to all current staff and residents (30) days prior to its effective date, and at the time of employment for all employees and prior to admission and/or prior to the signing of any new lease agreements.
This policy is effective on June 1, 2016.


MHA Management Representative


Date