

Federal Update: HUD Releases Proposed Rule Requiring All Government-Owned Housing to Implement Smokefree Policies

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Today, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued its proposed rule that will require 3,100 public housing agencies across the country to go smokefree. Public housing agencies will need to implement smokefree policies in their developments within 18 months of the final rule. This equates to over 1 million people protected from secondhand smoke in their homes, including 760,000 children.

Under HUD's proposed rule, public housing agencies must implement a policy prohibiting lit tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars or pipes) in all living units, indoor common areas, administrative offices and all outdoor areas within 25 feet of housing and administrative office buildings. HUD is seeking public comment on this proposed rule for the next 60 days.

To read HUD's proposed rule, please [click here](#).

To view the American Lung Association's press release, please [click here](#).



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