



Smokefree HUD Rule Took Effect

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s rule to make all public housing smokefree took effect on July 30, 2018. This rule provides important smokefree protections to approximately two millions residents, including 760,000 children. The American Lung Association was a strong supporter of HUD's smokefree housing rule and pushed for its passage for over a decade. The HUD rule was finalized on February 3, 2017 and housing authorities were given 18 months to implement the policy. To see a history of the HUD rule, click [here](#).

Secondhand smoke exposure poses a serious health threat to children and adults. For residents in apartment building and condominiums, secondhand smoke can migrate from other units and common areas through doorways, cracks in walls, electrical lines, and ventilation systems.

The American Lung Association has created a toolkit for residents, property managers and others to use as they transition towards a healthier smokefree life. In addition, there are experts in the field prepared to assist the PHAs implement the rule and smokers work to quit.

For more information on these resources, please click [HERE](#).

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