

## Headlines –Tobacco Free Housing (updated March 3, 2009)

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Feb. 26, 2009	<p><b>Residential Smoking Ban Explained</b> Santa Monica Mirror <a href="http://www.smmirror.com/MainPages/DisplayArticleDetails.asp?eid=9602">http://www.smmirror.com/MainPages/DisplayArticleDetails.asp?eid=9602</a></p> <p>These provisions were designed to allay the fears of some that the <b>smoking ban</b> might be used by landlords to evade rent control restrictions, according to ...</p>
Feb. 13, 2009	<p><b>Middletown apartment complex imposes building-wide smoking ban</b> PennLive.com, PA <a href="http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2009/02/middletown_apartment_complex_i.html">http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2009/02/middletown_apartment_complex_i.html</a></p> <p>Jim Bergman, head of the <b>Smoke-Free</b> Environments Law Project in Michigan, said it is legal for landlords to ban smoking even though it was not in the ...</p>
Feb. 13, 2009	<p><b><u>At Least 104 Housing Authorities in the U.S. Have Smoke-Free Policies for Some or All Their Buildings</u></b></p>

	<p><b><u><a href="http://www.tcsg.org/sfelp/SFHousingAuthorities.pdf">http://www.tcsg.org/sfelp/SFHousingAuthorities.pdf</a></u></b></p> <p>2/13: The Smoke-Free Environments Law Project (SFELP) maintains an up-dated listing of all the public housing authorities/commissions in the U.S. that we know of which have adopted smoke-free policies for one or more of their apartment buildings. The listing is done largely in the order in which the policies have been adopted. As of mid-February, 2009, at least 104 local housing authorities had adopted smoke-free policies for some or all of their apartment buildings, with about 87 being adopted since the beginning of January, 2005; an average of about 1.8 per month. That constitutes an increase in the number of housing authorities with smoke-free policies of over 600% in 49 months. The 17 states with such policies include Michigan (28), Minnesota (19), Maine (18), California (7), Colorado (7), Nebraska (6), Washington (4), New Hampshire (3), Oregon (2), New Jersey (2), Wisconsin (2), Florida, Idaho, Montana, Indiana, Kentucky, and Alaska. To access the listing, in pdf format, click above.</p>
Feb. 12, 2009	<p><b>Santa Monica's Smoking Nazis Start A Website</b></p> <p>Source: KNX 1070 NEWSRADIO , 2009-02-12  URL: <a href="http://www.knx1070.com/Santa-Monica-s-Smoking-Nazis-Start-A-Website/3839316">http://www.knx1070.com/Santa-Monica-s-Smoking-Nazis-Start-A-Website/3839316</a></p> <p>People in Santa Monica have a new web site where they can go to find out about the city's latest smoking law. Starting in two weeks, smoking is banned in common areas of condominiums and apartments, like walkways, swimming pool areas and parking lots.</p> <p>CLICK HERE to visit the website.</p> <p><a href="http://www01.smgov.net/atty/consumer_protection/">http://www01.smgov.net/atty/consumer_protection/</a></p>
Feb. 10, 2009	<p><b>smoke-free laws</b>  <i>City Attorney - Disability Rights</i> Source: City of Santa Monica  URL: <a href="http://www01.smgov.net/atty/consumer_protection/smoking.htm">http://www01.smgov.net/atty/consumer_protection/smoking.htm</a></p> <p>Santa Monica is a world leader in smoke-free legislation and in promoting the health of its residents and visitors.</p> <p>smoke-free public places The Santa Monica smoke-free law</p> <p>residential common areas Frequently asked questions Printable FAQ (pdf) Sample sign for landlords and HOAs to</p>

	<p>post (pdf) Sample notice for landlords and HOAs to give (Word) Sample letter to send in response to smoking (Word)</p> <p>help with quitting 1-800-NO-BUTTS</p>
Feb. 3, 2009	<p><b>Letters - Smoking in the Home</b></p> <p>New York Times  <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2009/02/03/opinion/1web03smoking.html?_r=1&amp;scp=2&amp;sq=smoking&amp;st=nyt">http://www.nytimes.com/2009/02/03/opinion/1web03smoking.html?_r=1&amp;scp=2&amp;sq=smoking&amp;st=nyt</a></p> <p>· But when such restrictions are extended to beaches, parks, sidewalks and now to the homes of smokers, the argument that third-party harms must be prevented becomes increasingly untenable.  To the extent that such restrictions are justifiable in the name of public health, they entail the warrant for imposing limits designed to make it more difficult to smoke in order to protect smokers from themselves and the consequences of their own behaviors.  Such paternalistic measures are not foreign to our communities -- think of seatbelts and motorcycle helmet laws. But if we are to impose restrictions on smoking in the home, let's not rely on the smokescreen of threats to the well-being of nonsmokers. Let us debate the issue of smoking restrictions on their own merits.</p> <p>· It is astonishing that smokers feel that they should have special privileges to harm others.  Even if I believe it is my right to play my drums in my apartment at 2 a.m., I am prohibited from doing so because it harms others. . . .  Any law that stops one group of people (in this case, smokers) from hurting others is a good thing.</p>
January 29, 2009	<p><b>Apartment smoking ban now official</b></p> <p>Santa Monica Daily Press, CA  <a href="http://www.smdp.com/Articles-c-2009-01-29-47271.113116_Apartment_smoking_ban_now_official.html">http://www.smdp.com/Articles-c-2009-01-29-47271.113116_Apartment_smoking_ban_now_official.html</a></p> <p>The council adopted on second reading an ordinance to <b>ban</b> tobacco in common areas of <b>apartments</b> and condominium complexes, adding to a growing list of ...</p>
	<p><b>Orleans condos consider ban on smoking at home</b></p>

<p>January 27, 2009</p>	<p>Cape Cod Times, MA  <a href="http://www.capecodonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090127/NEWS/901270307/-1/NEWSMAP">http://www.capecodonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090127/NEWS/901270307/-1/NEWSMAP</a></p> <p>The condominium association is debating a <b>smoking ban</b> for its 143 units in response to complaints about secondhand <b>smoke</b> migrating into hallways and ...</p>
<p>January 27, 2009</p>	<p><b>Toughest US anti-smoking law watched</b>  United Press International  <a href="http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2009/01/27/Toughest_US_anti-smoking_law_watched/UPI-10631233060457/">http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2009/01/27/Toughest_US_anti-smoking_law_watched/UPI-10631233060457/</a></p> <p>9 after a 14-month grace period, giving apartment building owners time to comply with new rules such as rewriting lease agreements to <b>ban smoking</b>, ...</p>
<p>January 17, 2009</p>	<p><b>Apartment-dwellers smell cigarette smoke</b>  Raleigh (NC) News &amp; Observer  Leah Friedman - Staff Writer  <a href="http://www.newsobserver.com/100/story/1370885.html">http://www.newsobserver.com/100/story/1370885.html</a></p> <p>CARY -- Noel and Ashley Anderson moved into the Stratford apartments in September because the Cary complex was close to family and across the street from their church.  But a week after moving in, their entire apartment smelled like cigarette smoke, Noel Anderson said.  They figured out that both their downstairs and upstairs neighbors are smokers, and the smell was seeping into their apartment.  Ashley and Noel Anderson say their neighbors' cigarette smoke has invaded their apartment. The landlord offered them a different unit but refused to pay their moving expenses.</p>
<p>January 15, 2009</p>	<p><b>Landlords urged to ban smoking</b>  Plattsburgh Press Republican  <a href="http://www.pressrepublican.com/midday/local_story_015101555.html">http://www.pressrepublican.com/midday/local_story_015101555.html</a></p>

	<p>By JEFF MEYERS PLATTSBURGH The Adirondack Tobacco Free Network is developing a new tri-county initiative to promote smoke-free environments in apartment ...</p>
<p>January 15, 2009</p>	<p><b>Council Gives Apartment, Condo Dwellers Relief from Second Hand Smoke</b>  The Lookout News, CA  <a href="http://www.surfsantamonica.com/ssm_site/the_lookout/news/News-2009/January-2009/01_15_09_Council_Gives_Apartment_Condo_Dwellers_Relief_from_Smoke.html">http://www.surfsantamonica.com/ssm_site/the_lookout/news/News-2009/January-2009/01_15_09_Council_Gives_Apartment_Condo_Dwellers_Relief_from_Smoke.html</a></p> <p>("Council Strengthens Existing Smoking Ban," April 9, 2008) Some tenants said they were spending thousands of dollars on air filters, leaving doors open and ...</p>
<p>January 14, 2009</p>	<p><b>Apartment Owner Sued for Common Area Second Hand Smoke</b>  Womble Carlyle Sandridge &amp; Rice, PLLC.  <a href="http://womblemultifamilyandmixeduse.blogspot.com/2009/01/apartment-owner-sued-for-common-area.html">http://womblemultifamilyandmixeduse.blogspot.com/2009/01/apartment-owner-sued-for-common-area.html</a></p> <p>In a ruling issued earlier this week, the 2nd District Court of Appeal in Los Angeles ruled that a 7-year old asthmatic girl had standing to file suit as a tenant against an apartment owner over secondhand smoke in outdoor and common areas of the community, such as swimming pools, barbecues, playgrounds and dining facilities. (Birke v. Oakwood Worldwide, 09 C.D.O.S. 409).</p> <p>The suit was brought by the girl's father, a California civil litigator, who claims that the court's ruling establishes a national precedent. As reported in law.com, the girls' father asserted that: "This is the first time," he said, "that a court anywhere in the country -- and I can say that with some certainty because we did the research -- has ruled that outdoor secondhand smoke can constitute a public and private nuisance."</p> <p>Noteworthy is that a concurring judge in the opinion indicated that he would have also let the case move forward under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. Can you imagine the possible wave of class action suits against apartment owners lurking in the wings under the ADA for injuries caused by second hand smoke?</p> <p>This case underscores the need for apartment owners and managers, to the extent they have not previously done so, to consider imposing a clearly defined smoke free policy on their entire communities, including outdoor and common areas.</p>

<p>January 12, 2009</p>	<p><b>Chicago's First Smoke-Free Apartment Building Thriving in South Loop</b>  Earthtimes (press release), UK  <a href="http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/chicagos-first-smoke-free-apartment-building-thriving-in-south-loop,676713.shtml">http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/chicagos-first-smoke-free-apartment-building-thriving-in-south-loop,676713.shtml</a></p> <p>12 -- January 1, 2009 marked the one-year anniversary of the Smoke-free Illinois Act, prohibiting smoking in virtually all public places and workplaces. ...</p>
<p>January 12, 2009</p>	<p><b>Ask a lawyer: Can condo owner get neighbor to stop smoking?</b>  Orlando Sentinel, FL  <a href="http://www.orlandosentinel.com/community/news/winterpark/orl-asklawb011209jan12,0,914309.story">http://www.orlandosentinel.com/community/news/winterpark/orl-asklawb011209jan12,0,914309.story</a></p> <p>Environmental tobacco smoke has been declared a nuisance by at least one Florida trial court. The balance between the rights of smokers to indulge within ...</p>
<p>January 8, 2009</p>	<p><b>Belmont apartment dwellers must put out cigarettes today</b>  San Mateo County Times, CA  <a href="http://www.insidebayarea.com/sanmateocountytimes/ci_11411039">http://www.insidebayarea.com/sanmateocountytimes/ci_11411039</a></p> <p>The controversial apartment provision of Belmont's smoking ban, approved in late 2007 by the City Council, will takes effect after a 14-month grace period. ...</p>
<p>January 8, 2009</p>	<p><b>Property Owners Cater To Demand For Smoke-Free Apartments</b>  NTV, NE  <a href="http://www.nebraska.tv/Global/story.asp?S=9635830&amp;nav=menu605_2">http://www.nebraska.tv/Global/story.asp?S=9635830&amp;nav=menu605_2</a></p> <p>They say that has more property owners in the metro offering smoke free living. They're apartment policies where tenants can't smoke inside their apartment, ...</p>
<p>January 7, 2009</p>	<p><b>Belmont apartment dwellers must put out cigarettes Friday</b>  San Jose Mercury News, USA  <a href="http://www.mercurynews.com/peninsula/ci_11403305">http://www.mercurynews.com/peninsula/ci_11403305</a></p> <p>The controversial apartment provision of Belmont's smoking ban that passed in late 2007 will take effect Friday after a 14-month grace period. ...</p>
	<p><b>Smoke-free apartments in Genesee County</b></p>

<p>January 6, 2009</p>	<p><a href="http://www.connectmidmichigan.com/news/news_story.aspx?id=241778">http://www.connectmidmichigan.com/news/news_story.aspx?id=241778</a></p> <p>1/6: The following is from a Jan. 2nd <i>NBC Channel 25</i> story posted online: The following is a message from the Genesee County Health Department: "As 2008 comes to a close, we are delighted that hundreds of thousands of apartments all across Michigan are now totally smoke-free" stated Jim Bergman, Director of the Smoke-Free Environments Law Project (SFELP). "In 2004 when the MI Smoke-Free Apartment Initiative began, it was almost impossible to find apartments that had smoke-free or no-smoking policies. In four short years, smoke-free apartments now abound and are the clear trend." Twenty-eight public housing commissions in Michigan now have smoke-free policies for some or all of their buildings. Smoke-free policies dramatically reduce maintenance costs, saving landlords \$2,000 to \$8,000 per unit. Smoke-free policies also reduce the risk of fires started by cigarettes. According to the Michigan Adult Tobacco Survey, in 2005 over 80% of households said they had a smoke-free policy in their home. Apartment residents are saying that they don't want their smoke-free home/unit inundated with their neighbor's secondhand smoke. Many smokers feel the same way and take their smoking outside to protect their families and their furniture. For additional information contact the Genesee County Health Department at (810) 257-3612 or visit the Michigan smoke free apartment website. To access the story, click above.</p>
<p>Dec. 17, 2008</p>	<p><b><u><a href="http://www.tcsg.org/sfelp/NewYearsPR12-17-08.pdf">End of Year Heralds Record Numbers of Smoke-Free Apartments in Michigan and the Nation</a></u></b></p> <p><a href="http://www.tcsg.org/sfelp/NewYearsPR12-17-08.pdf">http://www.tcsg.org/sfelp/NewYearsPR12-17-08.pdf</a></p> <p>12/30: The following is from a Dec. 17th press release from SFELP: "As 2008 comes to a close, we are delighted that hundreds of thousands of apartments all across Michigan are now totally smoke-free" according to Jim Bergman, Co-Director of The Center for Social Gerontology, Inc. in Ann Arbor, Michigan, which operates the Smoke-Free Environments Law Project (SFELP). "In 2004 when the MI Smoke-Free Apartment Initiative began, it was almost impossible to find apartments that had smoke-free or no-smoking policies. In four short years, smoke-free apartments now abound and are the clear trend." "Smoke-free multi-unit housing is fast-becoming the 'hot' new amenity in Michigan rental housing. Hundreds of thousands of market-rate rental housing units are now covered by no-smoking policies. Well over 15,000 units of 'affordable' housing are also smoke-free. And, 28 public housing commissions in Michigan have smoke-free policies for some or all their buildings, covering over 3,500 units," said Bergman. ... While Michigan is one of the pace-setters in the nation in the realm of smoke-free multi-unit housing, this is a national trend, as well. Both the National Apartment Association and the National Multi-Housing Council have highlighted smoke-free housing as a growing movement and have told their members that smoke-free policies are good for business as well as health. ... "As 2008 ends, there are now at least 102 local public housing authorities in the United States with</p>

	<p>smoke-free policies for some or all their apartment buildings," said Bergman. "Of the 102 local housing authorities that adopted smoke-free policies, about 85 were adopted since the beginning of January, 2005; an average of about 1.8 per month. That constitutes an increase in the number of housing authorities with smoke-free policies of 600% in 4 years." ... Resident surveys by Michigan apartment owners reflect what surveys in Minnesota, California, Maine and elsewhere have found: a sizeable majority of apartment residents greatly prefer smoke-free apartment buildings. At least 75% to 80% of residents in most apartments surveyed say they want smoke-free housing, and over half say they have moved or would move if secondhand tobacco smoke seeped into their unit from adjoining units. ... Bergman concluded by saying: "No one could have predicted the enormous growth in smoke-free multi-unit buildings that we've witnessed in 2007 and 2008. The trend is clear, smoke-free multi-unit housing is fast becoming the norm in Michigan and other parts of the nation. Whether its market-rate, affordable or public housing, smoke-free is the hot new amenity that owners and residents want." To access the full press release, in pdf format, click above.</p>
Dec. 17, 2008	<p><b>Smoking ban idea snuffed at Centennial in Aspen</b>  Aspen Times, CO  <a href="http://www.aspentimes.com/article/20081217/NEWS/812169931/1077&amp;ParentProfile=1058&amp;title=Smoking%20ban%20idea%20snuffed%20at%20Centennial%20in%20Aspen">http://www.aspentimes.com/article/20081217/NEWS/812169931/1077&amp;ParentProfile=1058&amp;title=Smoking%20ban%20idea%20snuffed%20at%20Centennial%20in%20Aspen</a></p> <p>ASPEN A propertywide smoking ban at Centennial condominiums in Aspen went up in flames Tuesday after an overwhelming number of homeowners voted against ...</p>
Dec. 16, 2008	<p><b>Make Your Apartment Building and Multi-Family House Smoke- Free in '09</b>  Putnam County News and Recorder (subscription), NY  <a href="http://www.pcnr.com/news/2008/1217/letters_to_editor/011.html">http://www.pcnr.com/news/2008/1217/letters_to_editor/011.html</a></p> <p>To the Editor: My name is Anthony Massarelli. I am the Putnam County Coalition Coordinator at POW'R (Putnam, Orange Westchester, and Rockland) Against ...</p>
Dec. 4, 2008	<p><b>SMOKE FREE HOUSING INITIATIVE LAUNCHED IN VICTORIA</b>  C-FAX 1070, Canada  <a href="http://www.cfax1070.com/newsstory.php?newsId=7278">http://www.cfax1070.com/newsstory.php?newsId=7278</a></p> <p>THE CEO OF THE RENTAL OWNERS AND MANAGERS SOCIETY OF BC SAYS BUILDINGS ALWAYS HAD THE ABILITY TO BAN SMOKING. AL KEMP SAYS WHAT THE FOUNDATION HAS DONE IS ...</p>
Dec. 1, 2008	<p><b>Guardian Management antismoking czar helped establish company's strict no-smoking policy</b>  <a href="http://www.djcoregon.com/articleDetail.htm/2008/12/01/Dont-smoke-em-if-you-got-em-Guardian-Management-">http://www.djcoregon.com/articleDetail.htm/2008/12/01/Dont-smoke-em-if-you-got-em-Guardian-Management-</a></p>

	<p><a href="#">antismoking-czar-helped-establish-companys-strict-no</a></p> <p>12/15: According to a Dec. 1st article in the Portland, Oregon <i>Daily Journal of Commerce</i>: It's been nearly a year since Guardian Management, among the city's largest property management companies, instituted its no-smoking policy at all 12,000 of its rental units throughout the West Coast, and the policy has cleared the air, according to the company. Guardian's antismoking czar, Jim Wiard, is also the vice president of property management for the company. He helped spearhead the policy, and said similar policies are becoming the industry standard. <i>The company's no-smoking policy, established in January, prohibits smoking inside apartments and common areas, such as entryways and parking garages. Patios and balconies are also off limits. If smoking outside, people must stay at least 25 feet from buildings.</i> "We just wanted to eliminate the threat of secondhand smoke," Wiard said. "It could easily drift from one residence to another." It's a strict policy, but one that property managers and residents are beginning to embrace. <i>According to the Smoke-Free Environments Law Project, an organization that advocates for smoke-free apartments, almost 100 housing authorities around the nation have now adopted smoke-free policies at some or all of their apartment buildings.</i> And maintaining a smoke-free apartment has gained traction, due in part to the natural progression of smoking bans. Figures from various studies indicate that smokers are becoming accustomed to smoking outside and would not question nonsmoking policies in apartments. ... But Wiard said smokers are becoming more amenable than ever to nonsmoking environs. <i>In fact, Guardian Management surveyed residents at 17 of its properties and discovered that smokers and nonsmokers alike were satisfied with the policy. The company also found that among smokers, 43 percent reported smoking less since the policy was implemented and nearly half of all smokers reported making an attempt to quit in the past year.</i> To access the full article, click above.</p>
Nov. 14, 2008	<p><b>Smoke-free policies adopted by over 100 housing authorities in the U.S.; 600% increase in less than 4 years</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.tcsg.org/sfelp/SFHousingAuthorities.pdf">http://www.tcsg.org/sfelp/SFHousingAuthorities.pdf</a></p> <p>The Smoke-Free Environments Law Project (SFELP) maintains an up-dated listing of all the public housing authorities/commissions in the U.S. that we know of which have adopted smoke-free policies for one or more of their apartment buildings. The listing is done largely in the order in which the policies have been adopted. As of the end of October, 2008, at least 102 local housing authorities had adopted smoke-free policies for some or all of their apartment buildings, with about 85 being adopted since the beginning of January, 2005; an average of over 1.8 per month. That</p>

	<p>constitutes an increase in the number of housing authorities with smoke-free policies of 600% in 46 months. The 17 states with such policies include Michigan (28), Minnesota (19), Maine (18), California (7), Nebraska (6), Colorado (6), Washington (4), New Hampshire (3), Oregon (2), New Jersey (2), Wisconsin, Florida, Idaho, Montana, Indiana, Kentucky, and Alaska. To access the listing, in pdf format, click above.</p>
<p>Nov. 7, 2008</p>	<p><b>Tenant seeks injunction to stop neighbour smoking; Retired actor with bronchial woes says smoke seeps into suite</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.canada.com/theprovince/story.html?id=43e1b9d8-e0c4-4f2c-9181-521f467f681f">http://www.canada.com/theprovince/story.html?id=43e1b9d8-e0c4-4f2c-9181-521f467f681f</a></p> <p>The following is from an Oct. 31st news report from British Columbia: A retired Vancouver actor wants a court injunction to prevent his next- door neighbour from smoking in their West End apartment building. In a statement of claim filed in B.C. Supreme Court, Mina Erian Mina, 74, says that since October 2006 his neighbour, Christine Jestadt, has "created a nuisance" with her smoking. Mina says the smoke has come through electrical wall sockets, windows and other access points in his suite in the Performing Arts Lodge (PAL) building on Cardero Street. He claims he's suffered various health problems, including respiratory injuries, bronchospasm, reduced chest expansion, chest tightness, aggravation of coronary artery disease, loss of sleep, fatigue and anxiety. "His medical doctors have advised him that this is causing respiratory injury to him," said Mina's lawyer, Christopher Rhone. "So this isn't a case where there's the occasional smoking. It occurs throughout the night and from time to time during the day as well. So he's constantly barraged by the infiltration of smoke into his unit." <i>He said Mina wants an injunction to restrain Jestadt from smoking in her suite and around Mina's suite. He is also seeking damages and costs.</i> "We're hoping the action itself will result in her abating the smoke without the need to have recourse to the court," said Rhone. But barring that, Mina will proceed with applying for the injunction so that he can sleep at night. Rhone cited a 1984 case in which a B.C. County Court judge granted an injunction after an elderly New Westminster couple complained about a cigar-smoking resident in a condo below them.</p>
<p>October 31, 2008</p>	<p><b>B.C. man seeks injunction to force neighbour to butt out (Canada)</b></p> <p>Source: National Post  URL: <a href="http://www.nationalpost.com/news/canada/story.html?id=922332">http://www.nationalpost.com/news/canada/story.html?id=922332</a></p>

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<p>October 30, 2008</p>	<p><b>PUSH FOR NON-SMOKING APARTMENTS TAKES ANOTHER STEP</b>  1590 KLIV Silicon Valley News, CA</p> <p><a href="http://kliv.com/PUSH-FOR-NON-SMOKING-APARTMENTS-TAKES-ANOTHER-STEP/3229219">http://kliv.com/PUSH-FOR-NON-SMOKING-APARTMENTS-TAKES-ANOTHER-STEP/3229219</a></p> <p>Several cities throughout the state have adopted <b>smoke free</b> housing regulations and now San Jose may join the list. The San Jose City Council Rules ...</p>
<p>10/29/08</p>	<p><b>Paterson housing agency plans smoking ban</b>  Newsday, NY</p> <p><a href="http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newjersey/ny-bc-nj--publichousing-smo1029oct29,0,2176643.story">http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newjersey/ny-bc-nj--publichousing-smo1029oct29,0,2176643.story</a></p> <p>PATERSON, NJ - Paterson's Housing Authority has proposed a <b>smoking ban</b> that would include 1000 apartments that it manages. The agency cited secondhand ...</p>
<p>10/23/08</p>	<p><b>At Least 94 Housing Authorities have adopted Smoke-Free Policies</b>  <a href="http://www.tcsg.org/sfelp/SFHousingAuthorities.pdf">http://www.tcsg.org/sfelp/SFHousingAuthorities.pdf</a></p> <p>According to a listing maintained by SFELP, as of mid-September, 2008, at least 94 local housing authorities had adopted smoke-free policies for some or all of their apartment buildings, with about 80 being adopted since the beginning of January, 2005; an average of about 1.8 per month. That constitutes an increase in the number of housing authorities with smoke-free policies of over 570% in 45 months. The 17 states with such policies include Michigan (27), Minnesota (19), Maine (18), California (6), Nebraska (4), Washington (4), Colorado (4), New Hampshire (3), Wisconsin, Oregon, Florida, Idaho, Montana, Indiana, New Jersey, Kentucky, and Alaska. To access the listing, in pdf</p>

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October 21, 2008	<p><b>Smoke Stinks in a Slow Real Estate Market</b>  SYS-CON Media, NJ  <a href="http://in.sys-con.com/node/717314">http://in.sys-con.com/node/717314</a></p> <p>TALLAHASSEE, Fla. , Oct. 21 /PRNewswire/ -- As "For Sale" signs dot yards throughout Florida , plummeting sales and home prices and soaring foreclosures ...</p>
October 10, 2008	<p><b>Anti-smoking grant for condo group</b>  Salt Lake Tribune, United States  <a href="http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_10686348">http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_10686348</a></p> <p>By Donald W. Meyers PROVO - How to make a Pleasant Grove condo complex <b>smoke-free</b>: Ask for and get nearly \$5000 in federal grant money. ...</p>
Sept 7, 2008	<p><b>Suites without smoking</b>  <i>Health Unit Cites Danger Of Second-hand Smoke In Making Recommendation</i>  Chatham (Ont) Daily News (ca)  <a href="http://www.chathamdailynews.ca/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=1185988">http://www.chathamdailynews.ca/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=1185988</a></p> <p>The local public health unit is urging landlords to go smoke free.  "In the Chatham-Kent area, we don't have any apartment buildings that are entirely smoke free," Jiwan Bhardwaj, an inspector with the Chatham- Kent Public Health Unit, said Thursday. She said the agency receives complaints from tenants about secondhand cigarette smoke in local buildings. That's why the health unit started an initiative to encourage landlords to consider making their multiunit dwellings smoke free, she said.</p>
Sept 4, 2008	<p><b>New guide helps renters find smoke free housing</b>  9NEWS.com, CO  <a href="http://www.9news.com/money/consumer/article.aspx?storyid=99012&amp;catid=103">http://www.9news.com/money/consumer/article.aspx?storyid=99012&amp;catid=103</a></p>

	<p>The group stated in 2006: "At present, the only means of effectively eliminating health risk associated with indoor exposure is to <b>ban smoking</b> activity. ...</p>
7/30/08	<p><b>Organization launches smoke-free housing site</b>  Times Herald-Record, NY  <a href="http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080730/BIZ/80729035/-1/NEWS">http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080730/BIZ/80729035/-1/NEWS</a></p> <p>ELMSFORD - POW'R Against Tobacco, along with 28 tobacco control organizations across the state, has launched a Web site for smoke-free housing. SmokeFreeHousingNY.org offers a "how to" for handling drifting tobacco smoke issues in apartments, co-ops, condos and other multiunit living arrangements. Resources on the Web site include actions tenants can take to address secondhand smoke, smoke-free policy adoption and implementation ideas for landlords, and promotional tips for realtors.</p>
7/30/08	<p><b>No butts about it: St. John's enacts no-smoking housing rule</b>  <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/canada/newfoundland-labrador/story/2008/07/29/city-smoking-ban.html">http://www.cbc.ca/canada/newfoundland-labrador/story/2008/07/29/city-smoking-ban.html</a></p> <p>7/30: The following July 29th news report is from St. Johns, Newfoundland: The City of St. John's has adopted new non-smoking rules for its non-profit housing, but not after a debate about the city's role in enforcing lifestyle choices. The rules mean that tenants who sign leasing agreements with the city from now on will have to agree to not smoke indoors. The rules do not apply to current tenants, who may continue to smoke in their own homes. Coun. Gerry Colbert said he agrees with the restriction, but feels the city should do more. The city could consider "some form of education program [and] work with the government and the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corp. [with] an education program that helps people to move away from cigarette smoke, simply because of the health issues," Colbert told Monday evening's council meeting. That proposal didn't go down well with Coun. Shannie Duff, who said the city should not start policing residents' lifestyle choices. ... Tenants at the Riverhead Towers apartment complex put the item on council's agenda, after they complained about second-hand smoke. Duff said that all council is trying to do is to lessen the impact smoking has on people who live under the same roof. Click above to access the news story.</p>
May 30, 2008	<p><b>Smoking in Apartments Could Be Out</b></p> <p>By Patrick McGreevy and Nancy Vogel, Los Angeles Times</p>

	<p>Already barred from lighting up in restaurants, theaters and the office, Californians may also be banned from smoking in their apartments under a proposal passed by the state Senate on Thursday.</p>
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The measure would allow landlords to prohibit smoking in apartment buildings they own to protect nonsmoking tenants from secondhand smoke.