



WEST SAINT PAUL

SMOKE-FREE HOUSING SURVEY SUMMARY

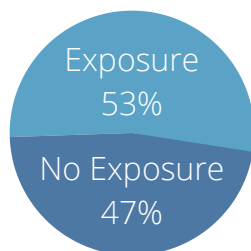
In 2021 Dakota County Public Health (DCPH) and Live Smoke Free (LSF) collaborated with the City of West St. Paul to gather data to inform smoke-free housing opportunities in West St. Paul. LSF and DCPH surveyed 230 residents (response rate 27.6%) and six property managers (response rate 100%) of eight West St. Paul multi-unit housing properties. The goal of the survey was to understand resident and staff exposure to secondhand smoke and inform strategies to reduce secondhand smoke exposure in West St. Paul buildings.

KEY FINDINGS

EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND SMOKE IN THE APARTMENT

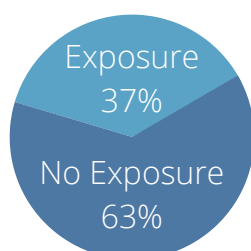
TOBACCO SMOKE

53%
RESIDENTS
EXPOSED



MARIJUANA SMOKE

37%
RESIDENTS
EXPOSED



HEALTH PROBLEMS DUE TO SECONDHAND SMOKE EXPOSURE



Asthma



Headache



Trouble breathing



Sneezing



Nausea



Cough

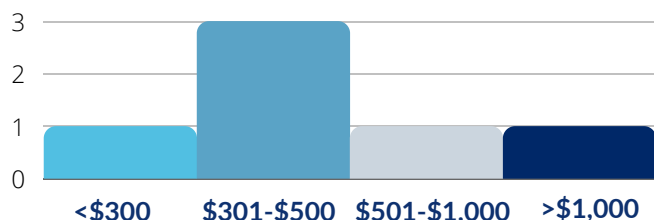
19 residents reported health problems related to secondhand smoke exposure

UNDERSTANDING OF SMOKE-FREE POLICY

20%

of residents were not sure where smoking was permitted or not permitted at their building

COST TO TURNOVER SMOKE-DAMAGED APARTMENTS



SUPPORT FOR SMOKE-FREE POLICIES



66% of residents from smoking-allowed buildings support a smoke-free policy for their building

COMPLAINTS ABOUT SECONDHAND SMOKE

5 out of 6

owners/managers sometimes receive complaints about secondhand smoke

SUPPORT FOR CITYWIDE POLICIES

DISCLOSURE OF SMOKING POLICY

Support for a citywide policy that would require disclosure of the building's smoking policies before moving in

91%

 RESIDENT SUPPORT

100%

 MANAGER SUPPORT

(n=6)

SMOKE-FREE REQUIREMENT

Support for a citywide policy that would require multi-unit rental buildings to be smoke free

75%

 RESIDENT SUPPORT

50%

 MANAGER SUPPORT

(n=3)