

Smoke-Free Public Housing Authority Profile

Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA)



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Housing Type

Public housing; 42 high-rise buildings; 5006 units

Policy Details

Smoking is prohibited in the indoor and common areas of all buildings and within 25 feet of any building entrance. The policy prohibits the use of cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, e-cigarettes, and the burning of incense and sage. Some high-rises have a marked, designated area with ashtrays.

Why We Are

The smoke-free policy is part of the MPHA Strategic Plan to promote health and wellness for residents.

Policy Roll-Out

Beginning in August, 2013 The policy was implemented in all 42 high-rises over the course of three years, and involved a number of community partners including support from Live Smoke Free. Educational materials, resident meetings, staff training, and cessation linkage support were promoted at all properties.

Enforcement

MPHA uses a graduated approach to enforcement, beginning with a verbal warning and followed with a written warning, a meeting with management, a letter warning, and termination of the lease.

Keys to Success

Collaboration with onsite stakeholders and residents was essential.

Impact on Residents

Residents report seeing and smelling less secondhand smoke indoors, as well as cleaner indoor living environments.

For more information on smoke-free housing, contact:
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