

Cannabis and multi-unit housing:

A guide for residents in Minnesota

Everybody deserves the right to live in a smoke-free home

In multi-unit housing, smoke and vapor from one unit can affect neighboring units. Protections from secondhand smoke are important.



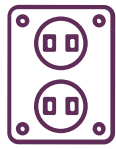
Minnesota law & cannabis in multi-family housing



- The smoking or vaping of adult-use (non-medical) cannabis is prohibited in multi-family housing buildings, including balconies and patios.
 - This applies to apartments, condos, and other multi-family housing.
 - Individual properties can have stronger smoke-free protections, including prohibiting the smoking or vaping of medical cannabis.
 - Smoke-free policies regulate where cannabis can be used, NOT whether it is legal.
- The smoking or vaping of non-medical cannabis in any location is prohibited where a minor (under 21 years of age) could inhale the smoke or vapor.

Secondhand cannabis smoke

Smoke is smoke. Smoke from cannabis contains many of the same toxins, irritants, and carcinogens found in tobacco smoke. Secondhand cannabis smoke can be a serious health hazard, impacting the heart and lungs of neighbors and residents.



Smoke and vapor from cannabis can travel through walls, vents, hallways, and electrical outlets.



One person's smoking can negatively affect neighbors, especially vulnerable groups such as children, older adults, people with chronic health conditions, and pets.

"The only means of effectively eliminating the health risk associated with indoor exposure [to smoke] is to ban smoking activity."

- American Society for Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers

What steps can residents take if they are experiencing secondhand smoke?

See the QR code/link below for more resources.

- Document your secondhand smoke exposure by keeping a log.
- Talk to your building management about adopting, expanding, or enforcing the property's smoke-free policy and enforcing the state law.
- Contact the Office of Cannabis Management at cannabis.info@state.mn.us or file a complaint.
- Share your story with a local elected official such as a city council member, a county commissioner, or a state legislator.
- Temporary fixes do not eliminate secondhand smoke exposure, but can provide some immediate relief. Consider putting pads and seals on small openings, filling gaps in doors and windows, running fans and air cleaners, repairing vents, and repairing heating and air systems. This should not be the final step or solution.



Resources

Live Smoke Free provides free tools to adopt, enhance, and maintain smoke-free housing policies.

- **Secondhand smoke exposure log**
- **Sample letters**
- **Cessation support**
- **Conflict mediation resources**
- **Legal resources**
- **Smoke-free housing directory**

Visit mnsмоkefreehousing.org/cannabis for more information.






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Scan for citations and supporting resources.



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