

Smoke-Free Housing Policy

Nelson Housing Authority

To insure quality of air and the safety of all public housing residents, pursuant to 24 CFR § 965, Subpart G, Nelson Housing Authority has declared that all buildings belonging to the housing authority are smoke-free. The following will apply:

1. All current residents, all new residents, all employees, all guests, and all contractors are prohibited from smoking in all apartments, utility buildings, community buildings and offices owned by the Housing Authority.
2. Smoking outside any building or apartment is allowed as long as it is 25 feet from the building or apartment.
3. Prohibited tobacco products include cigarettes, cigars, pipes and water pipes (hookahs)
4. All residents, employees and guests are responsible for properly disposing of smoking product wrappings and residue, such as cigarette butts.
5. "No Smoking" signs will be posted on each apartment exterior door.
6. Evidence of a violation of this policy includes but is not limited to resident complaints, witness observation, and odor and/or evidence of tobacco paraphernalia observed during unit maintenance visits and inspections.
7. The housing authority will provide referrals to smoking cessation services for any current residents who smoke and wish to quit.
8. All current and new residents living in the Nelson Housing Authority and all employees shall sign the Smoke-Free Policy Certification for placement in the residents or employee's file and a copy will be provided to him/her.
9. **Failure to sign the Lease will be considered a Lease violation and put you at risk of eviction.**
10. Any deviation from this Smoke-Free Housing Policy by any resident, household member, or their guest will be considered a lease violation. Two (2) violations will result in eviction. First violation will result in a written warning. Second violation will result in a final notice with intent to start eviction procedures.

Smoking Cessation Resources are available for those who desire to quit:

Nebraska Tobacco Quitline- Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669) for free, confidential counseling from a trained Quit Coach. In addition to telephone coaching, receive self-help materials and referrals to community programs. Quitline services are available 24/7. You may also go to www.smokefree.gov to learn more.

QuitNow.ne.gov- Go to Nebraska Tobacco Quitline website for information, support, encouragement and helpful links in one handy spot.

QuitNow Mobile App- Get motivation and support wherever you go PLUS track the money saved since quitting and the days added back to your life. Find the app under “Tools for Quitting” at QuitNow.ne.gov

Web Coach- Access motivational tools, social support and information about quitting tobacco. Web Coach is free for anyone enrolled in the Quitline program and can be found at quitnow.net/Nebraska

Smoke-Free Counter App on Facebook – See how much money you’ve saved since quitting and what it could buy. Log on to our Facebook account and search “SmokeFreeNE.”

In-Person Support- Opt for face-to-face assistance through a local cessation class. Go to the “Tools for Quitting” page at QuitNow.ne.gov to get started. The Tobacco Cessation Programs list provides locations and contact information for classes throughout the state.

This policy is effective immediately for all new resident applicants, tenants, guests, visitors, housing authority staff and the general public. Those that are current tenants the policy will take effect November 18, 2017.

Resident Certification

Apartment Address

Unit No.

I certify that I have read the Smoke-Free Policy and agree to fully abide by its provisions. I understand that residents are responsible for the actions of their household members, their guests and visitors. I understand that failure to adhere to any conditions of this policy will constitute a violation of the Dwelling Lease Agreement.

(Signature of Head of Household)

(Date)

(Signature of Spouse/Other Adult)

(Date)

(Signature of PHA Staff/Representative)

(Date)

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