

Smoke-free Apartment Communities Certification Program



Georgia Smoke-free Property Ranking System

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable diseases and deaths. Secondhand smoke is a class A carcinogen; it is a mixture of smoke exhaled by the smoker and the smoke from the burning end of combustible tobacco products. There is no safe level of secondhand smoke exposure.

Levels of Smoke-free Policies

There are three levels of smoke-free policies that can be adopted by the property management: gold, silver, and bronze.

	Smoking is prohibited everywhere on the property, including in apartment units AND in any and all indoor amenities AND everywhere outdoors.
	Smoking is prohibited everywhere on the property except for designated smoking areas located at least 25 feet from all buildings and amenities.
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Gold Smoke-free Level Standard:

Smoking, including the use of electronic smoking devices, is prohibited on the entire property, including, but not limited to individual apartment units, balconies, patios, and parking lots, both private and work vehicles on the property, swimming pool area, and all other common amenities. All residents, guests, property management staff, and outside vendors must abide by this policy at all times.

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Silver Smoke-free Level Standard

Smoking, including the use of electronic smoking devices, is prohibited on the entire property except in designated outdoor smoking areas. Prohibited areas include, but are not limited to, individual apartment units, balconies, patios, parking lots, both private and work vehicles on the property, swimming pool area(s), and all other common areas. All residents, guests, property management staff, and outside vendors must abide by this policy at all times and may only smoke in the designated outdoor smoking areas. Designated smoking areas are 25 feet from buildings and outdoor amenities.

Bronze Smoke-free Level Standard

Smoking, including the use of electronic smoking devices, is prohibited in all units, including patios, balconies, common indoor areas, and outdoor amenities such as playgrounds and swimming pools. All residents, guests, property management staff, and outside vendors must abide by this policy at all times.

‘Smoking’ means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookahs and marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. ‘Smoking’ also includes the use of an electronic smoking device. Electronic smoking device means any device that can be used to deliver aerosolized or vaporized nicotine to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen or e-hookah.