# Smoke-free housing

Why you should consider living in a smoke-free home and how to do it

### Why should I look for a #SmokeFree apartment?



Secondhand smoke increases risk of heart attack, stroke, cancer, and asthma

Children living in multi-unit housing are exposed to more secondhand smoke than those who don't



There is **no safe level** of
secondhand
smoke exposure

Secondhand smoke
can drift into your unit
from other units,
seeping into furniture
and causing bad smells
and health problems



More than 1 in 3 nonsmokers who live in rental housing are exposed to secondhand smoke

#### Making your home smokefree

Whether or not your apartment building prohibits smoking, here are tips to make your apartment smokefree!

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- Put out a bowl of sugar-free gum or candy so that smokers can have something inside the home rather than a cigarette.
- $\mathbf{02}$
- Designate a smoking area outside of the home that is away from doors and windows and follows any smoke-free rule at your property.
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- Post reminders so everyone knows that they cannot smoke in your home.
- $\mathbf{04}$
- Remove ashtrays, lighters, and matches from the home.

If they don't already, talk to your property manager about adopting a smoke-free policy! Visit breatheeasygahomes.org to learn more.



## Looking for a smoke-free apartment?

Check out the BreatheEasy GA Homes property listing at:

breatheeasygahomes.org/residents



### Is your apartment complex already smoke-free?

Make sure they're on the #BreatheEasyGAHomes property list! If not, tell your property manager to apply today!

BreatheEasy Georgia Homes promotes smoke-free living for all Georgia residents by working to reduce secondhand smoke exposure in multifamily housing. The BreatheEasy Georgia Recognition program recognizes and promotes apartment communities that provide a smoke-free environment for their residents and staff.



If you are interested in finding out more about the benefits of a smoke-free property, visit breatheeasygahomes.org, email info@breatheeasygahomes.org or call (404) 657-3378. Use @BreatheEasyGa to follow us on:









