

Keeping your property smoke-free



HOW TO ENCOURAGE COMPLIANCE WITH YOUR SMOKE-FREE POLICY

Whether your smoke-free policy is old or new, we've put together some tips to help you maintain a smoke-free environment.

1

Inform & Educate Residents

Publish and post a written policy and clear signage in visible areas, making it clear where smoking is allowed and prohibited

Meet with residents to clarify and answer questions about the policy

Develop monthly poster campaigns about the importance of smoke-free homes

Collaborate with local partners to provide health education sessions

“

... the advance notice times helped, ...we didn't tell anybody you've got to stop tomorrow, and we also made it clear... that, you know, we're not telling you that you can't smoke, we're just telling you can't smoke indoors.

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2

Implementation

Create a clear enforcement plan:

Detail the roles of staff members, how to report a violation, and the enforcement steps.

Train staff to implement and enforce the policy like any other rule.

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Consistency, absolutely. If you're not – if you're not consistent and fair – I mean, I don't warn some people three times and some people 20 times – if you're not fair and consistent, you may as well not have the policy.

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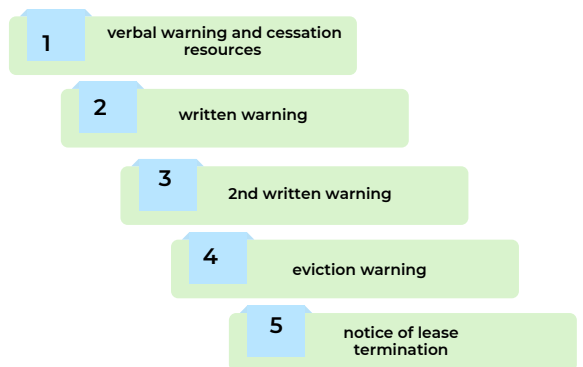
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Monitor & Enforce

Create a simple reporting system to track violations

If you receive reports of violations, distribute policy reminders to all residents

Use a graduated enforcement policy (*see example on right*)



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Community Building & Support

Provide residents with tools, resources, and guidance to support them. For example:

- Provide cessation resources
- Work with residents to identify and address barriers to compliance
- Build a peer support system



REMEMBER:

- The goal of a smoke-free policy is to keep people healthier and *not* to drive them out of their homes.
- Smoking is an addictive behavior and habits are hard to break. Focus on guiding residents to smoke in the proper area designated by your policy.

GET HELP!

BreatheEasy GA Homes can help with many of the resources mentioned here.

Visit www.breatheeasygahomes.org or email info@breatheeasygahomes.org for additional assistance helping your residents comply with your smoke-free policy.

