



Public Housing is going Smoke-Free!

HUD has a new smoke-free policy which requires RRHA and all public housing nationwide to be smoke-free effective **August 1, 2018**. In preparation of going smoke-free, it is important to...

- **Understand the policy-**
 - *Policy applies to **all** public housing units.*
 - *RRHA's policy will prohibit smoking of lit tobacco products, e-cigarettes, hookahs, pipes, etc. in **all** public housing units and interior areas (i.e., hallways, administrative offices and vehicles, community centers, etc.) and in outdoor areas within 25 feet of any building, windows, doors and entrances/exits on public housing grounds.*
 - *RRHA will not have any designated smoking areas.*
 - *Policy applies to all residents, members of resident's household, or guest, employees and vendors (regardless of age).*

- **Communicate the policy –**
 - *Community meetings were held in May.*
 - *Information on the smoke-free policy is being provided in monthly rent statements.*
 - *Information is available on RRHA's website at rrha.com*
 - *Residents may contact their Management Office or Tenant Council for more information.*
 - *Signage designating RRHA properties as smoke-free will be placed in all communities in July 2018.*

- **Enforce the policy –**
 - *Smoke-free policy will be communicated during orientation, lease signing and recertification appointments.*
 - *All current residents will sign a lease addendum that includes the smoke-free clause in July 2018. All future residents will sign new leases that contain the smoke-free clause.*

- *RRHA will adopt the following graduated enforcement approach:*
- Lease amendment by RRHA serves as initial warning and identifies actions that are in violation of smoke-free policy
 - 1st violation – fine (\$100)
 - 2nd violation – written warning (21-30 day notice)
 - 3rd violation – eviction proceedings

If you or someone you know is interested in taking the steps to a healthier lifestyle, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) toll free, to talk to a trained coach who can help you quit or go to www.smokefree.gov to learn more.

RRHA can have healthy, smoke-free communities with your help!