

Do you smoke and live in public housing?

Smoking is banned in public housing across the country as of July 30, 2018.

You cannot use:

- cigarettes,
- cigars, pipes, and
- hookahs (water pipes).
- Your housing authority may have banned Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), too.

You cannot use tobacco products:

- in any public housing units,
- interior common areas, or
- outdoor areas within 25 feet of residential and office buildings (but see the next item).
- Your housing authority may have banned smoking in other areas, too, or **may have made the entire grounds smoke-free**.

Interior common areas include, but are not limited to:

- hallways,
- rental and administrative offices,
- community centers,
- day care centers,
- laundry centers,
- and similar structures.

You will have to:

- sign a lease amendment if you want to continue to live in public housing, and
- make sure that all members of your household, your guests and other persons under your control do not smoke in restricted areas or in outdoor areas designated smoke-free.

You could be evicted if you break the no-smoking rules. You would be violating a provision of your lease.

If you are facing eviction for breaking this rule, apply online for free legal assistance or call 603 Legal Aid at 603-224-3333.

Get free help to quit smoking from:

- National Quitline: [1-800-Quitnow](https://1800quitnow.org/)
- American Lung Association Tobacco Quitline: [1-800-LUNGUSA](https://1800lungusa.org/)
- [American Cancer Society, Get Help Quitting Tobacco](https://www.cancer.org/0-60/0-60_tobacco/0-60_tobacco_quit_help.html)

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