

# SAMPLE RESIDENT SURVEY LETTER

Dear Resident,

(We, I) (the housing management, your fellow resident) have decided to review our current smoking policy to determine if it should be revised. Based on our growing knowledge of the toxic nature of secondhand smoke and other safety hazards, we believe a revised policy will increase the health, safety and comfort of our residents and reduce complaints about being exposed to the dangers of secondhand smoke.

We want to share with you some of the scientific information that has caused us to be concerned about your wellbeing:

- In 2006, the U.S. Surgeon General released a report on secondhand smoke which stated that "there is **no** risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke." Secondhand smoke contains 69 known chemicals that cause cancer in humans.
- Secondhand smoke causes approximately 53,000 deaths each year from heart disease, respiratory diseases and cancer.
- Secondhand smoke exposure is particularly dangerous to children. The Surgeon General's report states it can cause asthma in children and adults and has been linked to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).
- The elderly and people with heart or breathing problems are especially vulnerable.
- Smoking in housing facilities greatly increases the risk of fires and fire related deaths. Approximately 900 people in the U.S. die each year from fires caused by smoldering cigarettes.

We value your presence in our community and would appreciate your input. (Attached/enclosed) is a questionnaire that will help us learn your thoughts on this issue. We ask you to be open and honest when answering these questions. All answers will be kept confidential, and there will be no repercussions or rewards for answering these questions in a certain way.

We would like your response by the first of next month. For your convenience and confidentiality, the questionnaires may be (deposited in the survey box in the office, mailed in the enclosed stamped envelope). Please do not sign them or put on any other identifying information such as an address or phone number.

Thank you for your time in filling out this survey. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Management / Fellow Resident



For more information about Smoke-Free Housing call us: 1-907-891-7443