

TOBACCO USE AND SECONDHAND SMOKE EXPOSURE IS HIGH IN MULTI-UNIT HOUSING



Over 1 million **(1 in 8) people in Virginia live in multi-unit housing**, such as apartments.




Many who live in public housing are affected by secondhand smoke **including children, the elderly and people with disabilities.**



Even in smokefree multi-unit housing, **34 percent** of residents report that smoke involuntarily enters their homes from somewhere in or around the building.



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



Secondhand smoke can **travel within multi-unit housing** and common areas through **doorways, cracks in walls, electrical lines, ventilation systems, and plumbing.**



Opening windows and using fans **does not completely remove secondhand smoke.**



Heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems **cannot eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke.**

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