



Listing of Communities that Restrict Smoking in Outdoor Common Areas of Multi-Unit Housing

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Many communities in California have begun to address the issue of drifting secondhand smoke in multi-unit housing by restricting smoking in outdoor common areas. Outdoor common areas include swimming pools, outdoor eating areas, play areas, courtyards and other areas outside of multi-unit housing buildings where residents of different units have access. While such a policy does not address the main problem of drifting secondhand smoke from neighboring units, it does provide some benefits for multi-unit housing residents. Prohibiting smoking in outdoor common areas provides protection from secondhand smoke in areas which are used frequently by families with children such as play areas and swimming pools. In addition, these policies protect residents in units from the secondhand smoke that would typically drift inside from common areas.

Below is a comprehensive list of the twenty-three cities and counties in California that have passed an ordinance prohibiting smoking in part of or all of outdoor common areas of multi-unit housing. Not all of these ordinances are the same; some only restrict smoking in specific outdoor common areas and some allow for designated smoking areas to be created. For questions about a specific community's policy, please contact the Center or you can view the policy through the California Clean Air Project's Secondhand Smoke Policy Database at <http://ccap.etr.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=policydb.home>. Additional smokefree housing materials produced by the Center are available at www.Center4TobaccoPolicy.org/localpolicies-smokefreehousing.

Communities that prohibit smoking in outdoor common areas of multi-unit housing:

Richmond (June 2009)
Martinez (April 2009)
Rohnert Park (April 2009)
Santa Monica (January 2009)
Dublin (December 2008)
Glendale (October 2008)
Loma Linda (June 2008)
Albany (May 2008)
Novato (April 2008)
Oakland (December 2007)
Belmont (October 2007)
El Cajon (August 2007)
Temecula (May 2007)
Marin County (November 2006)
Contra Costa County (October 2006)
Emeryville (September 2006)
Mammoth Lakes (June 2006)
San Mateo County (May 2006)
Calabasas (February 2006)
Laguna Woods (August 2004)
Arcata (1997)
Healdsburg (1994)
Davis (1993)

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