

Smoke-Free Policy Standards

Smoke-Free Arizona Act (A.R.S. § 36-601.01) requires the common areas of multifamily housing to be smoke-free.

• Smoking* is prohibited inside and within 20 feet of entrances, open windows, and ventilation systems of enclosed common areas of multi-family housing such as the main office, laundry room, fitness center, activity center, or clubhouse.

Property managers and owners can choose to make more areas of the property smokefree by implementing a smoke-free policy to extend the protections provided by the Act.

Arizona Smoke-Free Living recognizes two levels of smoke-free policies as follows:

Gold Standard

Smoking*, including the use of electronic smoking devices, is prohibited on the entire property, including, but not limited to, individual apartment units, balconies, patios, parking lots, both private and work vehicles on the property, swimming pool area(s), and all other common areas. All residents, guests, property management staff, and outside vendors must abide by this policy at all times and, if they choose to smoke, must do so off premises.

Silver Standard

Smoking*, including the use of electronic smoking devices, is prohibited on the entire property except in a designated outdoor smoking area. Prohibited areas include, but are not limited to, individual apartment units, balconies, patios, parking lots, both private and work vehicles on the property, swimming pool area(s), and all other common areas. All residents, guests, property management staff, and outside vendors must abide by this policy at all times and may only smoke in the designated outdoor smoking area in compliance with the Smoke-Free Arizona Act (see above).

*"Smoking" means the gases, particles, or vapors released into the air as a result of heating, combustion, electrical ignition or vaporization, when the apparent or usual purpose of the heating, combustion, electrical ignition or vaporization is human inhalation of the byproducts, except when the combusting or vaporizing material contains no tobacco or nicotine and the purpose of inhalation is solely olfactory, such as, for example, smoke from incense. The term "smoke" includes, but is not limited to, tobacco smoke, marijuana smoke, and electronic smoking devices. Electronic smoking devices include, but are not limited to, electronic cigarettes, electronic hookahs, and other similar devices. "Electronic Cigarette" does not include any product specifically approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product that is being marketed and sold solely for the approved purpose.