

# YOUR RENTAL PROPERTY IS AN INVESTMENT DON'T LET IT GO UP IN SMOKE



**In Maine, eight out of ten renters want to live in a smoke-free environment.** By not allowing smoking in your building, you're giving them the clean environment they want, and protecting yourself from risk of fire.

- Prevent smoking-related fires in your building by making it 100% smoke-free indoors.
- Enforce your smoke-free policy as you would any other rule.
- If you choose to allow smoking outdoors, follow these safety tips:
  - Do not allow smoking near bark mulch or planters.
  - Any smoking should be at least 20 feet from entrances, doors, balconies, windows and air intake vents.
  - Require cigarettes, cigars, and other tobacco products to be properly disposed of in a non-combustible container with water or sand.
- Maine law requires property owners and managers to disclose, in writing, if and where smoking is allowed on a rental property (Maine PL 2011, Chapter 199).

**Save money and lives by adopting a smoke-free policy. It's a win-win for you AND your tenants.**



*"If people smoked outside only, and extinguished their cigarette butts safely in water or sand, property owners' risk of fire would be reduced significantly. They'd save thousands of dollars at turnover, and even more importantly, lives would be saved."*

– Joseph E. Thomas  
Maine State Fire Marshal

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REDUCING SMOKE EXPOSURE IN MAINE



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