



Building Stronger Communities Together

 **613-731-1182**

NO SMOKING POLICY



Ottawa Community Housing (OCH)
supports a smoke-free environment
and is committed to promoting safe
and healthy communities and
working environments

www.och-lco.ca



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OCH PROPERTIES ARE SMOKE FREE

The serious health hazards
of second-hand smoke
are well known

The majority of OCH tenants
choose not to smoke

On May 31, 2014, OCH
adopted a no-smoking policy
to create safe and
healthy communities



What does this mean to you?

When you sign a lease with OCH, you will agree not to smoke in your unit or anywhere on OCH property.

If you were a tenant prior to May 31st, 2014 you would be able to continue to smoke in your leased premise, which means inside your unit, on your balcony, and your enclosed backyard (whether partial or full enclosure).

Most of OCH communities are not smoke-free yet. Over time, as tenants move out, every OCH community will become smoke-free.

 Smoking is no longer allowed in	
	common areas
	hallways
	elevators
	lounges
	on any outdoor OCH property
	parking lots and driveways
	parks or playgrounds
	lawns
	gardens
	around units or buildings

Reporting

OCH will work with you and your neighbours to resolve complaints.

OCH will work with tenants to avoid eviction for smoking.

In serious situations that cause harm to the health and safety of OCH tenants, eviction may be considered.

Where to call?



Complaints about smoking can be made by calling **OCH** at **613-731-1182** and choosing option #4.



OPT-IN

Opting-in means choosing to sign a no-smoking agreement for your home, your balcony and your enclosed backyard

If you want to help make OCH properties smoke-free more quickly, you may opt-in at any time



Support and information on quit-smoking programs

Visit www.Ottawa.ca/quitsmoking
or
www.healthycanadians.gc.ca

Ottawa Public Health Information Line:
613-580-6744



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