



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

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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 will 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
	around units or buildings
	parking lots and driveways
	parks or playgrounds
	lawns
	gardens

### 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 become smoke-free more quickly, you may opt-in at any time



### Support and information on quit-smoking programs

Visit [www.Ottawa.ca/quitsmoking](http://www.Ottawa.ca/quitsmoking) or [www.healthy Canadians.gc.ca](http://www.healthy Canadians.gc.ca)

Ottawa Public Health Information Line: **613-580-6744**



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