



Smoke Free Housing Initiative

Technical Assistance Toolkit For Housing Professionals 2018

**Developed by the Smoke Free Housing Initiative
Sedgwick County, Kansas**

Legal language borrowed from Live Smoke Free Minnesota

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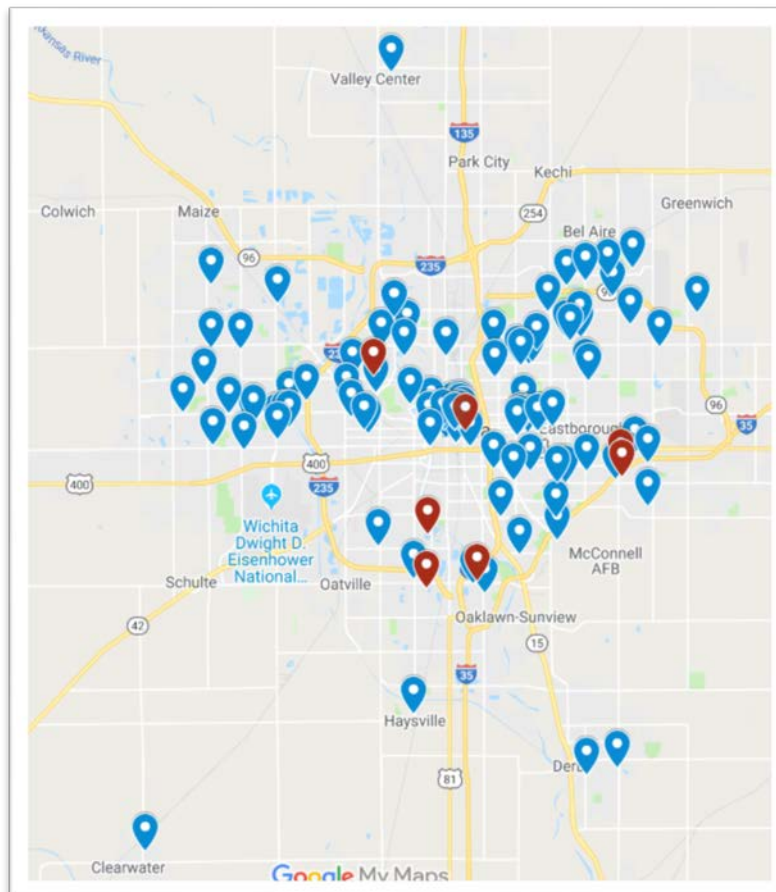
Smoke-Free Housing Initiative Toolkit Portfolio

Any document you might need to create a smoke-free policy (fillable PDF's)

Documents for Easy Customization

Word documents of the SFHI Toolkit Portfolio

Properties assisted by Smoke-Free Housing Initiative 2009-2018



Disclaimer: The language in the attached policies is borrowed from Live Smoke Free Minnesota. All local property managers/owners should contact a legal expert to ensure the language is within the context of local laws.

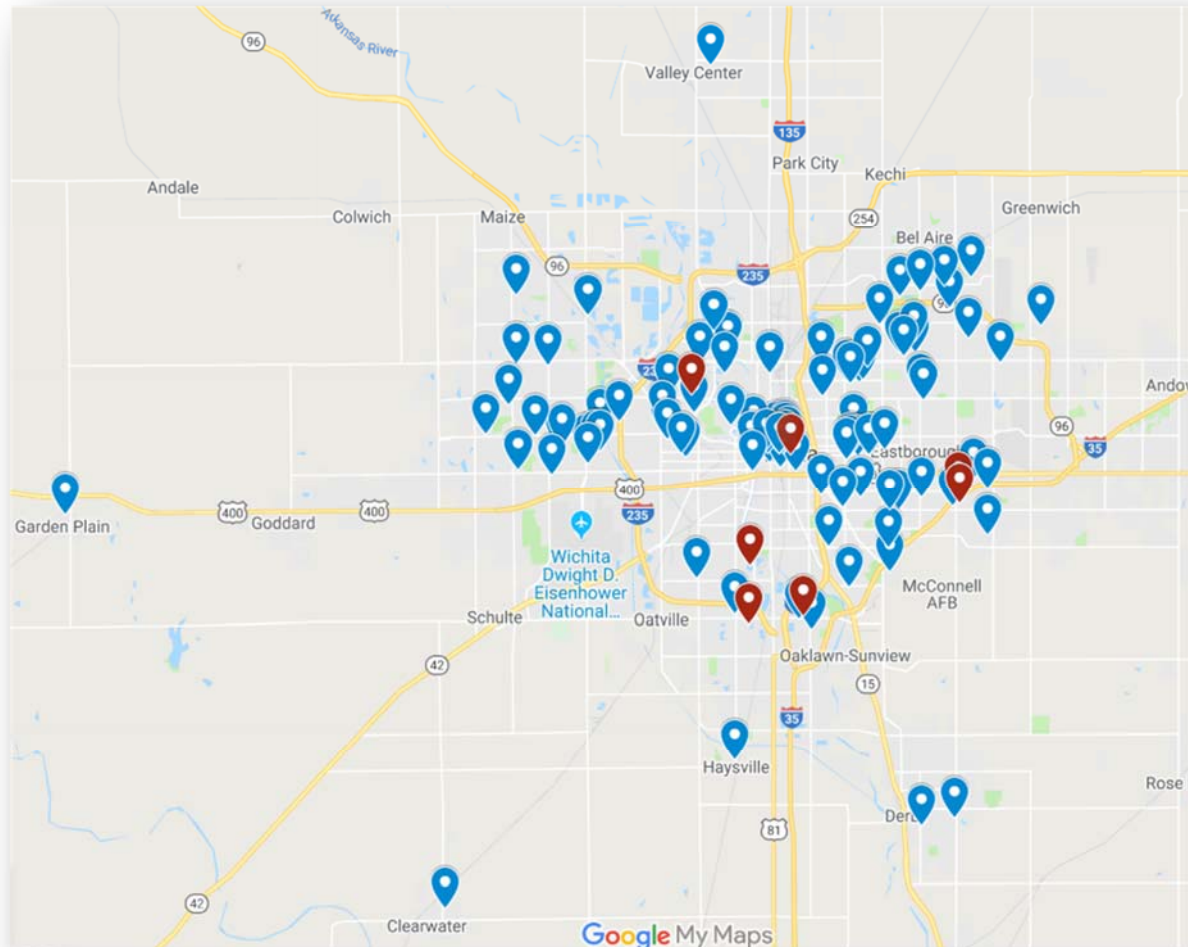


This toolkit is to be used as a basis for developing smoke-free policies for multi-unit housing properties. All policy language in these documents has been borrowed from smoke-free housing sources from states outside of Kansas. Any modifications made to the policy language could, therefore, weaken enforcement.

The Smoke-Free Housing Initiative strongly recommends that property owners wanting to adopt smoke-free policies have all documents reviewed by legal personnel prior to implementation.

Current Smoke-Free Properties in Sedgwick County

(based on annual TFW survey)





The **Smoke-Free Housing Initiative** was started by **Tobacco Free Wichita Coalition** in 2009. The Coalition began providing technical assistance to apartments that wanted to adopt smoke-free policies in residential buildings. The initiative has expanded to include community partners such as the **American Lung Association**, **City of Wichita Fire Department**, **American Family Insurance**, respiratory therapists, any many more. Members of the initiative have received training and technical assistance from nationwide experts who have implemented smoke-free policies in multi-unit housing in both commercial and HUD properties.

The popularity of this initiative is on the rise!

Our dedication has helped increase the number of complexes in Sedgwick County with smoke-free policies in at least one residential building to 111 (up from 3 in December of 2011).

Benefits of Smoke-Free Policies

Reduce maintenance costs and staff time

Savings around \$1500 per unit

Your company no longer needs to purchase expensive ventilation systems

Ventilations systems marketed to help with secondhand smoke are not effective in eliminating the problem

Increase resale value

With more smoke-free laws, potential buyers avoid smoking properties

Reduce liability risk

Smokers are not protected by law, but people with certain lung disabilities are

Reduce the risk of accidental fire

2009-2012: There were over \$3M in losses due to careless smoking fires in 64 Wichita apartments

Protect residents from secondhand smoke

Smoke travels through vents, plumbing, and cracks

Promote an overall healthy environment

Quitting smoking leads to other healthy behaviors