

## Finding A Smoke-Free Apartment Just Got Easier

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Are you looking for an apartment building that offers a smoke-free environment? If so, you're like the majority of renters— 75% of renters in the Portland-Vancouver area and 70% of renters in Oregon want smoke-free housing. Your search just became easier with a **new law that will require all Oregon landlords to disclose their property's smoking policy**—if smoking is allowed or not allowed, and if it is allowed, exactly where on the premises it is allowed.

The new law will go into effect on January 1, 2010. If you plan to move into an apartment before the end of 2009, make sure to ask about the property's smoking policy before signing a lease. Beginning next year, landlords will need to notify all prospective tenants of their smoking policy when signing new lease agreements.

If you would like to narrow your apartment search before making visits, there are a variety of apartment advertisers that can help you find smoke-free housing. Here is a sampling of websites that offer a smoke-free apartment search: [HousingConnections.org](http://HousingConnections.org), [OregonLive.com](http://OregonLive.com), [ApartmentGuide.com](http://ApartmentGuide.com), [ShowMeTheRent.com](http://ShowMeTheRent.com) and [Rentals.com](http://Rentals.com).

For more information about smoke-free housing in Oregon, please visit:  
[www.smokefreehousingNW.com](http://www.smokefreehousingNW.com) and [www.smokefreehousinginfo.com](http://www.smokefreehousinginfo.com).

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