

Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX

From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2013 1:24 PM
To: Janke, Brenda G HLTH:EX
Subject: suggested language re tobacco smoke in apartments

In British Columbia, legislation bans smoking in indoor common areas (e.g. hallways, laundry rooms) of apartments and condominiums but smoking is not banned within the private units of those buildings. At this time, government does not anticipate bringing in a ban on smoking inside private residences. However, this does not mean that smoking must be allowed in these units. An owner or landlord in such a building can take steps, over time, to make private units non-smoking. For example, all new rental agreements can state the apartment is smoke-free. As smokers move out of their units, the new tenant's agreement can state that smoking is not allowed and the building gradually moves to smoke-free status.

It appears from your email description that you have taken this up with the building's management and they attempted to come to some arrangement with the smoker only to have another smoking tenant move into the same apartment. In spite of this, you may raise the issue of new rental agreements containing a smoke-free clause. You may wish to look at the 'tenants' section of the Smoke-Free Housing BC website <http://www.smokefreehousingbc.ca/>. It is an excellent resource for owners, managers and residents wishing to get information about a smoke-free environment. We hear many positive reports as to the usefulness of this site as more landlords, tenants and strata associations find success in increasing their smoke-free units.

I have taken the liberty of sharing your letter with my colleague, the Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister Responsible for Housing, so that he can hear of your experiences in dealing with the harmful effects of second-hand smoke. Your letter ably demonstrates the value of smoke-free housing and I hope that throughout BC, we see owners and managers increasing their smoke-free homes.

Shelley Canitz
Director, Tobacco Control Program
Chronic Disease/Injury Prevention and the Built Environment | Population and Public Health | Ministry of Health
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Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2013 4:25 PM
To: Population and Public Health HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Ministry of Health Response - 971081

Thanks Laurie Woodland, we are appreciated your correct very clear answer. Gladly we will prevent and keep people healthy...even with smoking habits. :)

To Executive Director

Chronic Disease/Injury Prevention & Built Environment Branch

Best regards

s.22

From: hlth.nnh@gov.bc.ca
To: s.22
Date: Tue, 2 Apr 2013 14:31:22 -0700
Subject: RE: Ministry of Health Response - 971081

EMAIL RESPONSE

971081

s.22

Thank you for your email dated March 12, 2013, in which you request clarification on provincial smoking regulations related to smoking in hotels. Your email has been forwarded to me and I am happy to respond.

The tobacco control legislation allows hotels to designate smoking and non-smoking sections. Guests who smoke are given a specific hotel room in which smoking is allowed and those rooms will be solely for the use of smoking guests. Similarly, specific hotel rooms or a majority of the rooms in a hotel can be non-smoking and these would be solely for the use of non-smoking guests.

As you have correctly stated, the *Tobacco Control Act* bans smoking in the following places:

- Smoking is not permitted in any fully or substantially enclosed public place or workplace (includes restaurants).
- Smoking is not permitted within three metres of most public or workplace doorways, open windows, or air intakes (i.e. a "buffer zone").
- Common areas of apartment buildings, condominiums, hotels and dormitories are smoke-free, as they are considered public or work places (includes lobbies and hallways).

You can contact the Northern Health Authority at telephone (250) 565-2649 if you wish to make further inquiries or have any complaints.

Yours truly,

Laurie Woodland
Executive Director
Chronic Disease/Injury Prevention & Built Environment Branch

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 10:57 AM
To: Health, HLTH HLTH:EX
Subject: s.22

Can I smoke in my hotel room?

You can smoke in your hotel room; however, many hotels have designated some or all rooms as non-smoking so you may wish to check with management.

You cannot smoke in the common areas of hotels such as lobbies, hallways, and restaurants. You cannot smoke within 3 metres of most doorways open windows or air intakes around the hotel.

WOULD YOU PLEASE ADVISE US OF NEW REGULATION AND UPDATES - WE ARE SMALL HOTEL IN s.22
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I CANT SEE YOUR LAST UPDATE FOR YOUR "GOVERNMENT" WEB

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To: Jack Boomer; Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Subject: Smoking reduces house value by 30%, realtor survey finds - Business - CBC News

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/business/story/2013/04/16/business-smoking-housing.html?cmp=rss>

Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX

From: Rob Cunningham [rcunning@cancer.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 2:55 PM
To: Rob Cunningham
Subject: Up in smoke: Smoking in the home can lower resale value by tens of thousands

<http://www.newswire.ca/en/story/1146741/up-in-smoke-smoking-in-the-home-can-lower-resale-value-by-tens-of-thousands>

April 16, 2013 8:00 AM

Pfizer Canada Inc.

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Survey of Ontario real estate agents finds most buyers less likely or unwilling to buy smokers' homes

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<http://life.nationalpost.com/2013/04/16/smoking-in-the-house-can-cut-its-resale-value-by-up-to-29/>

Smoking slashes a home's resale value by nearly 30%: survey

Shari Kulha | 13/04/16 | Last Updated: 13/04/16 2:36 PM ET
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<http://kitchener.ctvnews.ca/indoor-smoking-leads-to-sharp-reduction-in-house-values-survey-1.1240126>

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From: Jack Boomer s.22
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 1:34 PM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Cc: 'Garry Curtis'
Subject: RE: Smoking in the Home

Thanks Shelley.

Jack

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From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX [<mailto:Shelley.Canitz@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: April-22-13 11:50 AM
To: 'Jack Boomer'
Subject: RE: Smoking in the Home

Jack – I have CCHS 2009 at 2.4 % of BC'rs were exposed to 2nd hand smoke at home – you could see if the more recent data has anything different

I'm heading into a meeting – you could also check UVic's Atlas of Wellness

From: Jack Boomer [<mailto:>] s.22
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 11:39 AM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Cc: 'Garry Curtis'
Subject: Smoking in the Home

Shelley,

Hey, we are working on a paper regarding SHS in the home as per our project and do you have at your fingertips the amount and number of people who do NOT allow smoking in their homes? Or the reference? Is it BC Stats? Health Canada/StatsCan?

Jack

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Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX

From: HLTH HLBC HealthLinkBC HLBC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 3:56 PM
To: Health, HLTH HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Technical difficulties, comments, or feedback [#179908]

Hello,

We received this email regarding a search an individual did on the MoH website for "Drifting Second Hand Smoke". It came back with one link - to HealthLinkBC File #30b: Tobacco Products are not a Safe Alternative to Cigarettes. This doesn't seem like the most appropriate result for this search.

I did a search for second hand smoke on our website and found the page, The Harmful Effects of Second-hand Smoke (<http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/hfile30a.stm>), which seems more relevant to the search; I'm happy to direct the writer to this webpage on HealthLinkBC.ca; however, it seems like something the Ministry should respond to as you may have other resources that could be of assistance.

Thanks,
Regan Thexton
Communications Officer
HealthLinkBC -- an integral part of health interactions
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Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX

From: Thexton, Regan HLBC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2013 11:51 AM
To: s.22
Subject: RE: Search for "Drifting Second-hand Smoke in Multi-unit Dwellings"

Thank you for your April 23, 2013 email regarding your search on the Ministry of Health website for "Drifting Second-hand Smoke in Multi-unit Dwellings".

We are sorry you were not satisfied with the results of your search. HealthLink BC does not manage the Ministry of Health website; however, your feedback has been forwarded to the Ministry for review.

I did a quick search on the HealthLink BC website and was able to locate a HealthLinkBC File that may be of interest to you:

HealthLinkBC File 30a: Harmful Effects of Second-hand Smoke

<http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/hfile30a.stm>

If you have questions about the health effects of second-hand smoke, one of our registered nurses would be happy to discuss your health concerns and questions over the telephone. Our Nursing Services are available 24/7. I would encourage you to contact HealthLink BC by simply dialling 8-1-1. A specially trained health service representative will answer your call and assist you with speaking to a nurse.

HealthLink BC provides 24/7 access to non-emergency health information and advice in British Columbia via telephone, a website, a mobile app, and a collection of print resources, including the BC HealthGuide Handbook.

The website, www.HealthLinkBC.ca, provides medically-approved information on more than 5,000 health topics, symptoms, and over-the-counter and prescription drugs and offers tips for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. It also offers an integrated search and mapping function to more than 6,100 health services to help British Columbians find health services close to their home communities. Selected service information is also available on the BC Health Services Locator app for Apple handheld devices.

Residents of British Columbia can call 8-1-1 (7-1-1 for hearing impaired) from anywhere in the province to speak to a registered nurse, dietitian, pharmacist, or to find a health resource in their area. Translation services are available in more than 130 languages upon request.

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Scalzo, Lee G HLTH:EX

From: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2013 1:24 PM
To: Scalzo, Lee G HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Fact Sheet Generator Link

Haven't had time to check this out but we can discuss at our meeting today.

From: Tonella, Christina [VC] [<mailto:Christina.Tonella@vch.ca>]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 2:31 PM
To: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Fact Sheet Generator Link

Hi Karen

It would be great to have a tool like this for tobacco fact sheets.

Here are some tobacco reduction topics that would be great to add to the factsheet generator:

Not Responsive

7. Secondhand smoke
8. Third hand smoke (this is an emerging issue – I am starting to get complaints about this)
9. Smoke-free housing

Thoughts?

Christina.

From: Cheung, Laurie [RH]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 1:23 PM
To: Tonella, Christina [VC]; MacDonald, Lindsay [NS]; Khatkar, Roopy [VC]
Subject: FW: Fact Sheet Generator Link

Hi Everyone,

In our recent Tobacco Reduction planning meeting, the idea of development of "fact sheets" came up.

Please have a look and play around at the website: <http://bcfsg.dietitians.ca>, "Fact Sheet Generator". It is a pretty neat tool (although it is on nutrition...However, these fact nutrition-focused sheets are available at: <http://www.healthyfamiliesbc.ca/> as Health Families BC Tools at the bottom right-hand part of the webpage). (Try generating your own fact sheet.)

I wonder if we could advocate to the Healthy Families BC to generate a similar tool for tobacco so BC health authorities can customize their fact sheets on tobacco use, quitting, second-hand smoke, third-hand smoke, smoke-free housing, etc. I guess we need to convince Healthy Families BC that tobacco warrants a "permanent" web space on their webpage first.

Laurie

From: Brow, Debbie [RH]
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 11:36 AM
Subject: FW: Fact Sheet Generator Link

FYI

From: Swann, Anne [VC]
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2013 12:55 PM
To: Brow, Debbie [RH]
Subject: Fact Sheet Generator Link

You may be aware that last summer the BC Ministry of Health, in collaboration with Dietitians of Canada launched a specialized web-based tool, called the Fact Sheet Generator (FSG) at <http://bcfsg.dietitians.ca>. These include fact sheets for teens.

In addition to customizing your own fact sheets through the Fact Sheet Generator, it is intended these same key messages and tips be used in a variety of ways and settings. Here are some potential ways to do so:

- ✦ Use them in social media (e.g. Blogs, Facebook posts, Twitter)
- ✦ Create web articles
- ✦ Include them in newsletters for schools and the community
- ✦ Incorporate them into group presentations or cooking skills demos
- ✦ Display them at health fairs and Youth health clinics

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<http://www.canadianrealestatemagazine.ca/news/item/1625-the-real-cost-of-smoking-for-landlords>

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Cc: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Subject: an overview of the SF MUD project

The smoke-free housing project is designed to

- Encourage more smoke-free housing opportunities for people in BC
- Expand the network of individuals and organizations interested in smoke-free housing
- Educate landlords, condominium owners, developers, renters/tenants and non-profit organizations (particularly housing organizations) about smoke-free housing-associated issues

This project builds on the work started with the BCHLA's tobacco work a few years ago, including the launch of smokefreehousingbc.ca – a great resource for landlords, tenants and strata.

BC Lung is co-ordinating this through a grant from PHSA. They are working with Heart and Stroke Association on this, and have their first multi-stakeholder advisory committee meeting on Friday. It hasn't been discussed publicly up until now, but Jack Boomer says it can be discussed publicly after the Friday meeting.

Will that be enough info?

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Director, Tobacco Control Program
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Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX

From: Jack Boomer s.22
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2013 10:39 AM
To: atandoc@hsf.bc.ca; alkemp@suites-bc.com; vmaclean@bcaoma.com;
don.littleford@gvrd.bc.ca; jacqui@bcnpha.ca; andrew@tenants.bc.ca;
khemmingson@bchousing.org; tony@choa.bc.ca; tdavis@vml.bc.ca; MCollison@hsf.bc.ca;
kelsey.yarmish@northernhealth.ca; XT:HLTH Tonella, Christina; XT:HLTH Brown, Jami;
XT:HLTH Deegan, Heather; kim.bruce@viha.ca; aspencer@rentalhousingcouncil.com;
peters@bc.lung.ca; Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX; 'Garry Curtis'; 'Scott McDonald'; Sharon
Hammond; 'Don Littleford'; XT:HLTH Wiens, George
Subject: Smoke-free Housing Meeting - June 7 at Heart and Stroke
Attachments: Presentation to Advisory Group, Financial Impacts Report FINAL, June 2013.pptx;
Presentation to Advisory Group MUDS Survey, FINAL (3), June 2013.pptx; Presentation to
Advisory Group, Enhanced website FINAL, June 2013.pptx

Further to the invitation to the meeting on June 7 (details attached below), please find attached three presentations for the meeting.

I know that some of you will be joining by teleconference and others in person, and I've had one regret (Tony). Please let me know if you are going to be at the HSF office so we can plan accordingly (sorry, if you aren't there in person, I can't provide light refreshments.)

Jack

Thank you for agreeing to participate in our inaugural Smoke-Free Housing Meeting. Further to my request for times, this appears to be a good time for most people. Please send an alternate, if you cannot attend.

In person

If you can attend in person, the meeting will be held at the Heart and Stroke Boardroom in Vancouver (3rd floor, 1212 West Broadway, Vancouver – best parking is atop the Toys Are Us store across the street on Alder/W. Broadway).

Teleconference

For those who cannot attend in person, we have a teleconference option as follows:

s.15

The meeting agenda is very ambitious. As such, we will start at 9 AM and finish promptly at 10:30.

FYI, we will send out some materials in advance of the meeting.

Thanks.

Jack

Agenda

Purpose of meeting:

1. Introduce participants to each other
2. Provide updates on recent activities

3. Explore education and promotional opportunities
4. Explore the role and time commitment of members

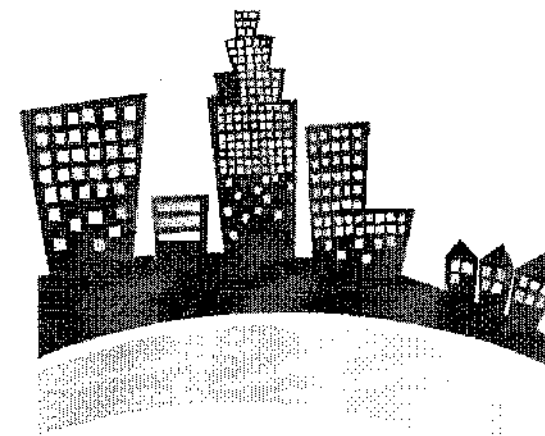
Action items:

1. Review agenda and add items upon request
2. Introductions
 - a. Name, organization, interest in smoke-free housing
3. Recent activities
 - a. Smoke-free housing website
 - b. Presentation on smoke-free survey results
 - c. Presentation on financial impact of smoking in rental units and owner sold units
4. Discussion on education and promotion of smoke-free housing
 - a. General discussion for ideas and thoughts
 - b. Existing work
 - c. Updating information
5. Discuss role of committee members
 - a. Provide suggestions and advice on ways to educate your stakeholders/community about the issue
 - b. Provide suggestions and advice on materials and resources that are developed to improve upon them (e.g. website, pamphlets, training resources) – likely outside of committee time
6. Next meeting or regularly schedule a meeting time (bi-monthly/quarterly)

Financial Impacts of Smoking in MUDs in BC

A Report For the Heart and Stroke Foundation
BC Lung Association

Garry Curtis, PhD. Consulting



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WIDE RANGE OF POSSIBLE FINANCIAL IMPACTS



- Clean-up costs and renovation
- Condo resale values
- Delayed sales
- Delayed rentals
- Rent levels
- Fire loss and insurance premiums
- Legal and administrative costs

CLEAN-UP COSTS

Costly clean-up for smoking in MUDs:



- Costs 3 to 4 ½ times higher than non-smoking units:
 - » Smoking Units: \$1025 to \$3400
 - » Non-Smoking Units: \$250 to \$1120

REMEDIATION COSTS



2011 California survey of landlords:

- Broad range of cost areas
- Average cost to remediate unit: \$4935
- Chances of incurring costs less than half for buildings with smoke-free policy

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PROPERTY VALUES AND SMOKING

2013 Survey of Ontario/Quebec Real Estate Agents:

- 46%: smoking a major factor for property values
- 84%: smoking lowers real estate values:
 - » 28% significantly;
 - » 56% a bit
- 20%: lowers values 30% or more



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SMOKING AND DIFFICULTY SELLING



2013 Survey of Ontario/Quebec Real Estate Agents:

- 85%: more difficult to sell home because:
 - » Smell of smoke
 - » Stains on walls, furniture, general clean-up costs
 - » Health concerns
 - » Other factors, e.g., affects on children
 - » Lowers property values

PROPERTY VALUES IN BC



What about BC?

- 85% of BC residents don't smoke
- Only 6% of MUDs residents allow smoking in a room of their unit
- 62% prefer completely smoke-free buildings
- Prospective renters/owners may fear affects of SHS will show up after they move in.

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SMOKE-FREE POLICIES

Smoke-free policies can mean large savings:




- 2103 study by US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
 - » \$521 million = annual costs savings of eliminating smoking in public housing:
 - \$321 million health costs
 - \$108 million renovation costs
 - \$72 million smoke-related fire loss

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SMOKE-FREE POLICIES IN BC



Smoke-free policies in BC:

- Strong demand for smoke-free housing in BC
- Some evidence in BC and elsewhere of willingness to pay higher rents
- In a renters' market, MUDs without smoke-free policies may be bypassed.

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LEGAL AND ADMIN COSTS

Smoking and lack of smoke-free policies mean:



- Legal and admin problems for landlords and strata boards:
 - » More than three hundred disputes to Residential Tenancy Branch since 2009.
 - » Growing number of human rights complaints
 - » BC Human Rights Tribunal precedent - \$8000 award to BC couple in 2012
- Insurance premiums may rise in the future

SMOKING IN MUDS-CONCLUSIONS (1)



- Significantly higher clean-up/renovation costs
- Lower property values
- Longer times to rent or sell
- BC consumers support smoke-free policies and prefer smoke-free units

SMOKING IN MUDS-CONCLUSIONS (2)



- Admin, legal and insurance costs may rise
- Clear smoke-free policies can help
- Need for BC-based research

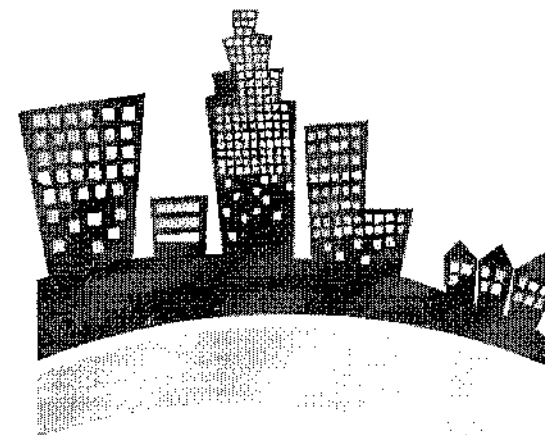
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Results of an Angus Reid Survey April 15-18, 2013

**For the Heart and Stroke Foundation
BC Lung Association**

Garry Curtis, PhD. Consulting



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SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS



- April 15-18, 2013
- Survey of 833 residents of MUDs in BC
- Margin of error: +/- 3.5%
- 202 for each Health Authority; 24 for North
- 371 Renters
- 461 Owners

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SMOKING IN THE HOME

Smoking in the home is rare in BC:



- 32% of MUDs smokers, smoke in the home
- 25% of all MUDs residents allow smoking in their residence or property
- 6% or 50 of 833 allow smoking in a room of the home

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SMOKING – RENTERS/OWNERS



- More than twice as many renters than owners smoke: 19% compared to 8%
- But exactly the same proportion smoke in their home: 32%
- The same proportion of renters and owners allow visitors to smoke in their home (25% and 26%)




SHS EXPOSURE

- 50% of MUDs residents report exposure to SHS
- 59% see SHS as a health hazard
- 47% see SHS as a nuisance.



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BOTHERED BY SHS



- Nearly 40% of all MUDs residents were bothered when SHS odors got into their residence:
- 2% moved
- 8% considered moving
- 28% bothered quite a bit, but not enough to move.
- 36% bothered somewhat



DEMAND FOR FRESH AIR



A strong desire to live smoke-free

- Nearly 2/3rds prefer a completely smoke-free building
- 2/3rds or more support:
 - » Converting rentals to smoke-free
 - » More condos having smoke-free bylaws
 - » Prohibiting smoking in their own buildings

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THE RIGHT TO KNOW



Huge Majorities believe they should know:

- If smoking is permitted in the building or on balconies (96%)
- Which units are designated smoking (90%)
- If a previous tenant was a smoker (87%)
- If there have been past complaints about SHS (85%)

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MUDS RESIDENTS NEED SUPPORT



- Large majority never complain about SHS
- Only half who complain are satisfied with response
- Less than 1/3 have a formal way to complain
- More than half reported there was no, no-smoking policy for their building
- Less than half said there should be a formal way to address complaints

REGIONAL VARIATIONS



- Generally similar response for all Regions
- North varied somewhat:
 - » More smokers and more smoke in the home
 - » More saw SHS as a health hazard
 - » Fewer felt SHS something to worry about
 - » Fewer preferred living in a smoke-free building
 - » More supported decision to prohibit smoking in their building

CHANGES SINCE 2008

Increase in:

- Exposure to SHS
- Number bothered by SHS exposure

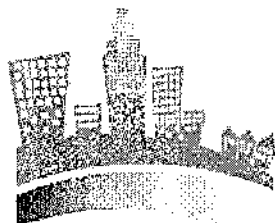
Decline in:

- Smoking in the home
- Number allowing smoking in their home

Little change:

- Preference for entirely smoke free building





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About Us

There is a critical shortage of smoke-free homes in apartments & condos in BC. *Smoke-Free Housing BC* is about helping to increase options for smoke-free housing. Read more.

No-smoking policies are legal, non-discriminatory and enforceable. And they're good for the bottom line too.

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Find out what you can do to protect yourself from exposure to second-hand smoke.

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Let's clear the air about no-smoking policies for strata corporations.

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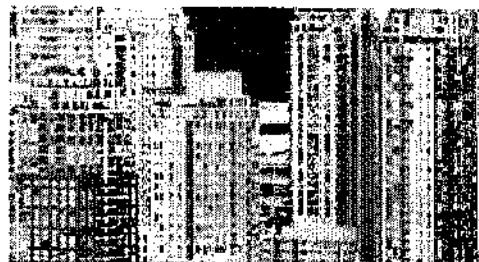
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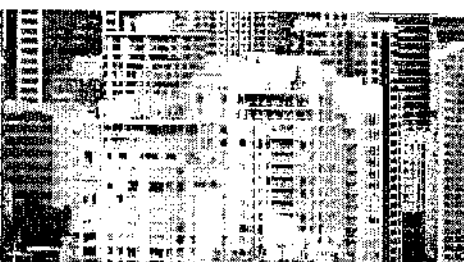
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Helping increase options for smoke-free housing.



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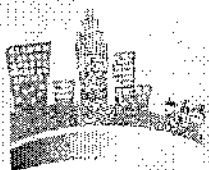
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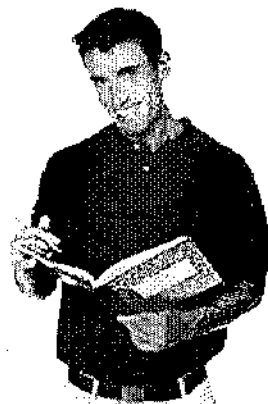
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Helping increase options
for smoke-free living

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Why Go Smoke-Free

Going smoke-free saves you money - and helps save your building.

No-smoking policies are about better indoor air quality, a healthier bottom line and happier tenants. Consider the following:

- A recent survey of BC renters found the majority would prefer to live in smoke-free buildings.
- 85% of British Columbians are non-smokers and 84% of BC households do not allow smoking inside their homes.
- Adopting a no-smoking policy is legal and easy to do.
- No smoking policies are enforceable.
- Demand for smoke-free housing is on the rise yet there is a shortage of smoke-free options.
- Second-hand smoke causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke.
- Non-smoking renters are no longer tolerating other people's smoke infiltrating their homes.



Smoke-Free Registry

Do you own, rent or sell smoke-free housing?



Capitalize on Demand

Learn about the growing demand for smoke-free housing. Watch the video.



Know Your Rights

Understand your rights and responsibilities under BC law.



Protect Your Investment

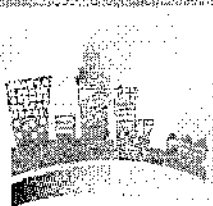
Why few decisions benefit landlords as much as going smoke-free.

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BC Smoke-Free Housing Registry

Search Listings

Here residents can search this directory to locate smoke-free rental buildings and condominiums all across British Columbia. Read more.

Register

Here landlords and strata corporations can list and promote their smoke-free buildings FREE of charge. Read more.

Important Notes:

- This is an evolving directory, so it may take time to compile a list that includes smoke-free buildings in every city in BC.
- While this list provides information on a building's smoke-free status, it does not keep track of vacancies or real estate listings at any particular location.
- Our smoke-free housing directory administrators will try to verify the information submitted, but cannot guarantee the building's smoke-free status. Please contact the building's management directly to learn more about the building.

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QUESTIONS - NEXT STEPS



- Names of the advisory committee – posted with links to URLs?
- Updating the Registry – your support?
- Update the site with relevant information
- Updated by July, 2013



Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX

From: Khara, Milan [VC] [Milan.Khara@vch.ca]
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2013 10:54 AM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Cc: Okoli, Chizimuzo T
Subject: RE: demographics of your clients

We actually collected data on this in our community TDC. Is that correct, Zim? Do we have that?

Anecdotally we certainly here of people complain that exposure is common and problematic in rooming houses, group homes etc, not least as a trigger and obstacle to cessation.

-----Original Message-----

From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX [<mailto:Shelley.Canitz@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 9:27 AM
To: Khara, Milan [VC]
Subject: RE: demographics of your clients

Thanks, Milan - I was curious whether your clients are exposed to drifting smoke in their homes, and if so, how they feel about it during their treatment - it might not be a big deal to them or it might - I was wanting their views, if you know them.

thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Khara, Milan [VC] [<mailto:Milan.Khara@vch.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2013 6:23 PM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: demographics of your clients

Hello Shelly

First, we have two programs that I am involved with.

The VCH Mental Health and Addictions Tobacco Treatment Program (formerly the TDC's and Butt Out, now in the process of merging) sees clients who have mental illness and/or substance use disorders. The majority are on some kind of income assistance and often live in rooming houses, recovery houses etc. Many also live independently.

The VGH Smoking Cessation Clinic is based in the hospital and sees a slightly different population. Most of these individuals have medical co-morbidities and are referred mainly by other hospital disciplines. (Of course many also are marginalized and have MH or SUD as well).

So there isn't a single answer to your question but I would say that the majority of clients we see have multiple barriers to success but the intensity of the programs lead to very good outcomes.

Please let me know if you wish to speak some more about this.

Milan

From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX [Shelley.Canitz@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 11:48 AM
To: Khara, Milan [VC]
Subject: demographics of your clients

Milan - can you tell me a bit about the clients you are serving in your clinic? What are the demographics? What kinds of homes do they live in?

Many thanks
Shelley

Shelley Canitz
Director, Tobacco Control Program

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Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX

From: Jack Boomer | s.22
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2013 3:01 PM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Cc: 'Mark Collison'; 'Scott McDonald'; 'Sharon Hammond'
Subject: RE: major deliverables for the SF housing project

Shelley,
Further to your v/m, the budget is s.17 for all deliverables.

The advisory committee will be in place from June 2013 to August 2014.

Thanks.

Jack

Jack Boomer
Email
Phon s.22
Cell:

From: Jack Boomer [mailto:s.22]
Sent: June-07-13 1:31 PM
To: 'Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX'
Cc: 'Mark Collison'; 'Scott McDonald'; 'Sharon Hammond'
Subject: RE: major deliverables for the SF housing project

Shelley,
As requested, high level major deliverables:

1. Research
 - a. Paper on financial implications of renting/selling smoke-free unit (June, 2013)
 - b. Survey of people who live in multi-unit dwellings affected by second hand smoke (June, 2013)
2. Update smoke-free housing website (July, 2013)
3. Establish Advisory Committee (June, 2013)
 - a. On-going meetings with advisory committee seeking advice and support on issues (June, 2013 – onwards)
4. Develop action plan for education and promotion for smoke-free housing (October, 2013)
5. Promotion and education campaign (November, 2013)
6. Evaluation of actions (August 2014)

Jack

Jack Boomer
Email
Phon s.22
Cell:

From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX [mailto:Shelley.Canitz@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: June-07-13 12:17 PM
To: 'Jack Boomer'
Subject: major deliverables for the SF housing project

Jack – would you send me bullets of the major deliverables and their expected completion date for the smoke-free housing work?

Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX

From: Muller, Bev HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 3:07 PM
To: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX; Codner, Tamara A HLTH:EX
Cc: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX; Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX; Boomer, Joanne HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Phone Call - Tobacco Smoke in Apartments

Thank you! That was quick!

Bev Muller

From: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 3:05 PM
To: Codner, Tamara A HLTH:EX
Cc: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX; Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX; Muller, Bev HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Phone Call - Tobacco Smoke in Apartments

Hi

I called the s.22 and s.22 lives in s.22 and tobacco smoke wafts into s.22 apt (person smokes on their balcony). I gave s.22 info and a contact for BC Housing as they would be the ones who handle these queries. The s.22 had not yet spoken to BC Housing about s.22 concern so s.22 wasn't sure if or how they could accommodate s.22 (I told s.22 this would be the first step). I also gave s.22 the CAC website in case s.22 wanted to see what was happening elsewhere.

s.22 was fine with the info and said s.22 would take the first step and address s.22 concern with BC Housing.

Thanks

From: Codner, Tamara A HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 2:49 PM
To: Parasram, Karen HLTH:EX
Cc: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX; Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX; Muller, Bev HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Phone Call - Tobacco Smoke in Apartments

Hi Karen,

Are you able to respond to the query below?

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Tamara

250-952-2311

Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die tomorrow. Dance as if no one is watching...
Join the Healthy Families BC community...

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From: Muller, Bev HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 2:34 PM
To: Codner, Tamara A HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Phone Call - Tobacco Smoke in Apartments

Can you pass this along to whoever it should go to?

Bev Muller

From: Muller, Bev HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 2:34 PM
To: Hooton, Raylene HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Phone Call - Tobacco Smoke in Apartments

Can you pass this along to whoever it should go to?

Bev Muller

From: Muller, Bev HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 2:20 PM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Phone Call - Tobacco Smoke in Apartments

For you?

Bev Muller

From: Benson, Stacey HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 2:20 PM
To: Muller, Bev HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Phone Call - Tobacco Smoke in Apartments

Hi Bev, Tim says contact Shelley's group

From: Muller, Bev HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 2:04 PM
To: Benson, Stacey HLTH:EX
Subject: Phone Call - Tobacco Smoke in Apartments

Not sure if this is Health Protection or our Tobacco people – someone from s.22 called and said wher s.22 opens s.22
window tobacco smoke comes in. Is it someone in your branch who can call s.22

s.22

Bev Muller
Executive Administrative Assistant
Assistant Deputy Minister's Office
Population and Public Health
Ministry of Health
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Victoria, BC V8W 3C8

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Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX

From: Crane, Bob OHCS:EX
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 2:44 PM
To: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Cc: Lam, Roger OHCS:EX
Subject: RE: Smoking ban considered for city's social housing

Thanks, Shelley. It will be interesting to see what Ottawa does.

We are now with the Ministry of Natural Gas Development and Responsible for Housing. We kept Rich Coleman as our Minister.

Bob Crane
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Office of Housing and Construction Standards PO Box 9844 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria BC V8W 9T2
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Bob.Crane@gov.bc.ca

-----Original Message-----

From: Canitz, Shelley L HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 9:37 AM
To: Crane, Bob OHCS:EX
Subject: Smoking ban considered for city's social housing

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/health/Smoking+considered+city+social+housing/8526736/story.html>

FYI only