

# **Advantages of Smoke-free Apartment Buildings for Owners /Managers**

## **1. Save on maintenance costs**

Secondhand smoke covers walls, ventilation systems, and other exposed surfaces with a dirty, yellow residue. It is almost impossible to remove the smell of tobacco smoke from some rooms.

## **2. Attract and retain tenants**

A majority of Californians desire apartment buildings in which smoking is permitted only in designated apartments and designated outdoor areas.

## **3. Reduce fire danger**

- Cigarettes cause over 1,400 fires in California homes, apartments, and mobile homes annually with an estimated \$ 18 million loss in property and contents. (California State Fire Marshal)
- Smoking materials are twice as likely to be the cause of fires in apartment buildings, compared to one and two-family homes and mobile homes.(National Fire Protection Association)
- Smoking materials is the leading cause of fire death. Smoking materials in the home caused an annual average of 821 civilian fire deaths from 1993 – 1997.(National Fire Protection Association)