

# Saskatchewan Housing Corporation

## No-Smoking Policy

On August 1, 2018, Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC) will implement a no-smoking policy for all SHC-owned and leased properties.

### Definition of Smoke, Smoking and Vaping

- Smoke or smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted cigar, pipe, cigarette, tobacco or cannabis product, and ceremonial smoke, including smudging.
- Vape or vaping means the use of an electronic cigarette, vaporizer, water pipe, or any other heated smoking equipment used to vaporize any substance whether or not it contains nicotine.

### About SHC's No-Smoking Policy

- Smoking or vaping policy does not prohibit tenants, personnel, or visitors from smoking, only where individuals are allowed to smoke.
- Smoking or vaping is not permitted on or in any SHC-owned or leased property except in designated outdoor smoking areas. This includes all buildings (including individual units), grounds, parking lots, and vehicles owned and leased by SHC. This policy applies to all tenants, visitors, personnel, and contractors.
- Tenants in buildings with a common entrance will be allowed to smoke in designated outdoor smoking areas only. Smoking areas will be accessible 24 hours a day and marked with a sign.

A fire-safe container will be provided for the disposal of cigarette butts and matches.

- For religious or cultural ceremonies involving ceremonial smoke in areas other than the designated outdoor smoking area, approval must be granted by the housing authority. The housing authority will consider the health, safety, and quiet enjoyment of others before granting these exceptions. Please contact your housing authority to see how you can apply for permission.

### Resources to Help Quit Smoking

If you are interested in learning more about how to quit smoking the following resources are available:

- **Smoker's helpline – Toll-free:** 1-877-513-5333 or <https://www.smokershelpline.ca>
- **Partnership to Assist with Cessation of Tobacco (PACT):** <http://www.makeapact.ca>
- **Ministry of Health:** <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/wellness-and-prevention/tobacco-and-your-health>