RESIDENT FAQ

COMMON RESPONSES TO RESIDENTS OR OTHERS ABOUT A SMOKE-FREE POLICY

These responses may change depending on what your specific policy includes.

Excuse me, sir (ma'am). All (property name) property, grounds and parking areas are smoke-free. You may only smoke/vape in the designated area. Would you please extinguish your cigarette/cigar/pipe/e-cigarette/vape now? Thank you.

Where am I allowed to smoke/vape? Only in the designated smoking area (if policy allows). (property name) has a smoke-free property policy that does not allow smoking or the use of vaping devices in any indoor areas including units and common areas. You must now smoke/vape only (outside of the XX-foot perimeter; or areas not covered by smoke-free policy; or in the areas marked as designated smoking areas). We appreciate your help in protecting the health of everyone on the property.

Why can't I smoke in my apartment? For your health and the health of others, (property name) is a smoke-free property. Secondhand smoke is dangerous for everyone. It has been proven that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke and vape emissions. (Property name) feels it is important to provide all residents, staff, pets and guests an environment free from the effects of secondhand smoke and vape emissions.

Why can't I vape? For your health and the health of others, (property name)'s smoke-free policy includes vape products. Vaping is the act of inhaling and exhaling an aerosol, often referred to as vapor, which is produced when an e-cigarette or similar device heats a liquid, usually containing nicotine, flavoring, propylene glycol and other additives. Vapes or e-cigarettes, including personal vaporizers, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookah and vaping devices, have been proven to expose users to emissions of some of the same toxic chemicals found in combustible cigarette smoke.

I smoked/vaped last time I was here, why can't I smoke/vape now? In an effort to promote health and for your benefit and others around you, we no longer allow smoking/vaping on any (property name) property. Smoking/vaping is only permitted (outside of the foot perimeter; or in areas not covered by the policy; or in the areas marked as designated smoking/vaping areas).

Are you saying I have to quit smoking/vaping? You do not have to quit smoking/vaping, however you can't smoke/vape in the common areas or in an apartment. Smoking/vaping is only permitted in the outdoor designated smoking area (or as policy permits). Smoking/vaping is not allowed in any indoor area. If you would like to quit, I have information on how to access free 802Quits services.

How do I report a smoking/vaping violation? Report policy violations to your building manager or contact the state's Smoking Violations Team at 802-489-7344 or AHS.VDHHPDPTobaccoVT@vermont.gov.

