

# SMOKEFREE MULTI-UNIT HOUSING PROFILE

## MARIPOSA COUNTY

SUMMARY OF SURVEY RESPONSES FROM APARTMENT TENANTS AND MANAGERS

### MULTI-UNIT HOUSING SURVEY OVERVIEW

- Survey Focus: To gain input from apartment tenants and property managers on a countywide Smokefree Multi-Unit Housing policy.
- Location: Three apartment complexes in Mariposa town.
- How: 60 tenants surveyed, in person, during Fall of 2019



## 7 in 10

MARIPOSA TENANTS **SUPPORT A 100% SMOKE-FREE POLICY** FOR ALL MARIPOSA COUNTY MUH PROPERTIES

## 8 in 10

MARIPOSA TENANTS SUPPORT A SMOKE-FREE **POLICY WITH DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS**



*Share Walls, Not Smoke*

### SECONDHAND SMOKE IN MULTI-UNIT HOUSING

- Secondhand cigarette smoke and vape aerosole (SHS) **can drift in through windows, doors, and air ducts**
- Exposure can cause serious health problems for **children, the elderly**, and other tenants with disabilities.
- **Risk of exposure is higher** for tenants who live in **low-income multi-unit** properties.

### THIRDHAND SMOKE IN MULTI-UNIT HOUSING

- Thirdhand smoke (THS) is **tobacco smoke residue** that is left behind when someone smokes indoors.
- This **toxic tobacco residue sticks to surfaces** such as walls, furniture and floors
- **THS poses a unique health risk** as the residue reacts with air **to make additional pollutants** and re-emits from surfaces back into the air.
- **Infants and children** may be exposed to THS when they crawl or play on the floor.

### TENANT REPORTED EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND SMOKE

- 60%** Have had cigarette **SMOKE DRIFT INTO** their apartment
- 85%** Have seen people **SMOKING** in the complex **OUTDOORS**
- 40%** Have **CHILDREN UNDER 18** living with them.

### HERE'S WHAT TENANTS IN SUPPORT OF A POLICY HAD TO SAY:

*"[Drifting smoke] is dangerous for my baby"*

*"It's for my kids health"*

*"I'd like everyone to quit smoking"*

*"Me and my kids are asthmatic"*

For more information and references please visit our website:

Mariposa County Tobacco Education Program

<https://www.mariposacounty.org/1759/Smoke-Free-Multi-Unit-Housing>