

# TOBACCO USE AND SECONDHAND SMOKE EXPOSURE IS HIGH IN MULTIUNIT HOUSING



- About **80 million (1 in 4) people in the US live in multiunit housing**, such as apartments.



- Many who live in public housing are especially affected by secondhand smoke, **including children, the elderly, and people with disabilities.**



- About **8 in 10 multiunit housing residents** choose to make their own homes **smoke-free.**

- About **20 percent of adults in multiunit housing use combustible tobacco products**, which are a source of secondhand smoke exposure.



Among multiunit housing residents with smoke-free home rules, **34 percent** report that secondhand smoke involuntarily enters their homes from somewhere else in or around the building.

## There is **no safe level** of **secondhand smoke exposure**



Secondhand smoke can **travel within multiunit housing** and common areas through **doorways, cracks in walls, electrical lines, ventilation systems and plumbing.**



Opening windows and using fans **does not completely remove secondhand smoke.**



Heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems **cannot eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke.**