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Douglas County Smoke-Free Living Options Are Available

The Douglas County Health Department, as a member of the Metro Omaha Tobacco Action Coalition (MOTAC) wants renters to know about their smoke-free options.

“Smoking is a well-established health risk,” Douglas County Health Director Dr. Adi Pour said. “It’s good for you to eliminate tobacco smoke from your home for health purposes, and landlords can protect the value of their property by eliminating smoking from those residences.”

A list of smoke-free apartments in Douglas County is available on the Web at www.omahasmokefreeapartments.info/11.html. In addition, a new book published by the Cardiac Center at Creighton University in collaboration with MOTAC and Tobacco Free Nebraska called “Smoke-free Housing Options for Omaha” is a guide for people who want to live in a smoke-free environment.

The booklet includes information on tenant’s rights and has a form for landlords to fill out and submit to have their smoke-free properties listed on the Website. To receive your copy, call the Cardiac Center at Creighton University at 280-3429.

The mission of MOTAC is to prevent/reduce tobacco use and the accompanying health and economic consequences in the Omaha via prevention through public policy and education.

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