

Christian Senior Citizens Home of Chatham

No Smoking Policy for South Chatham Village

Due to the increased risk of fire, and the known health effects of second hand smoke, effective January 1, 2010 smoking will be prohibited in any area of the South Chatham Village property, both private and common, whether enclosed or outdoors. This policy will apply to all tenants, guests and servicepersons.

Current smoking tenants will be exempt and will be allowed to smoke inside their units only with windows and patio doors closed. Smoking on the patios or balconies will no longer be tolerated. Smoking will also not be allowed anywhere on the property owned by South Chatham Village including Elm Street Acres.

Effective January 1, 2010 a new "No Smoking" clause will be added to all new leases. This will mean implementation of the No Smoking Policy could take a number of years to totally take effect. As smokers move out of their apartments, they will be replaced by non smokers.

The following will be inserted in all new leases:

Effective January 1, 2010 the Christian Senior Citizen Home of Chatham, operating South Chatham Village has implemented a non-smoking policy which has resulted in a transition period when some tenants will be permitted to smoke in their units and on the premises and others will not. No new tenant, their guest, business invitee, or visitor shall smoke cigars, cigarettes, or any similar product whose use generates smoke within the building. This prohibition includes the leased unit, balcony / patio, as well as anywhere on the properties owned by the Christian Senior Citizens Home of Chatham.*

*This prohibition does not apply to tenants whose tenancies pre-date the implementation of the non-smoking policy. Those tenants and their guests, business invitees, or visitors are permitted to smoke cigar, cigarettes, and similar products **inside their units only**, not on their balcony / patio, as well as elsewhere on the property. In accordance with Provincial legislation, smoking is not permitted in elevators or in other common areas within the building.*

As a result of this transition period, the smoke may drift from smoking units into non-smoking units. South Chatham Village accepts no responsibility for damages or the disturbance of reasonable enjoyment that may occur as a result of drifting smoke.

** For the purposes of this policy, smoking refers to the inhaling, exhaling, or burning of any tobacco or similar product whose use generates smoke.*