

TOBACCO EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

The Long Beach Tobacco Education and Prevention Program works to reduce the use of tobacco and exposure to secondhand smoke in the City of Long Beach.

TEPP strives to build a healthier community by:

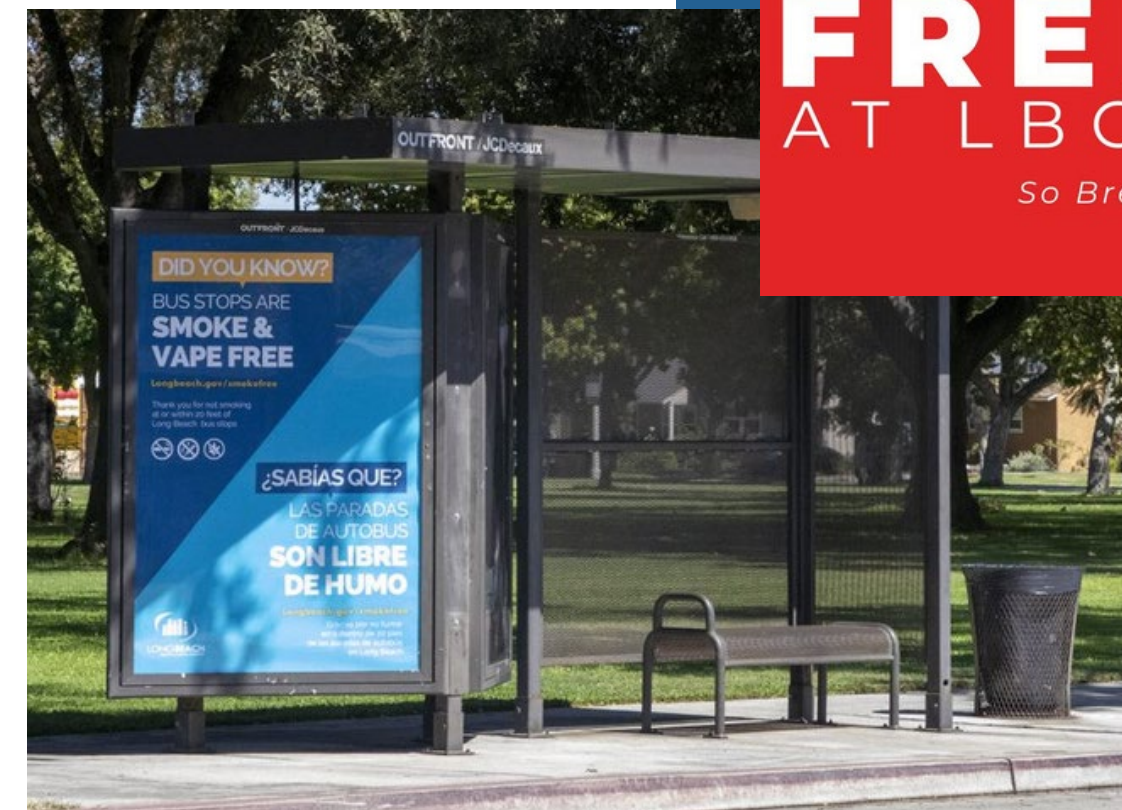
- Providing referrals for smoking cessation.
- Creating culturally appropriate tobacco control materials for the LB community.
- Supporting community-led smoke-free campaigns.
- Ensuring compliance with local, state and federal tobacco-related laws.
- Working with apartment owners to create smoke-free living options in apartment buildings.



SMOKE &
TOBACCO
FREE
AT LBCC



So Breathe Easy!



BREATHE EASY AT HOME

Families who live in multi-unit housing are susceptible to involuntary secondhand smoke exposure in the home.



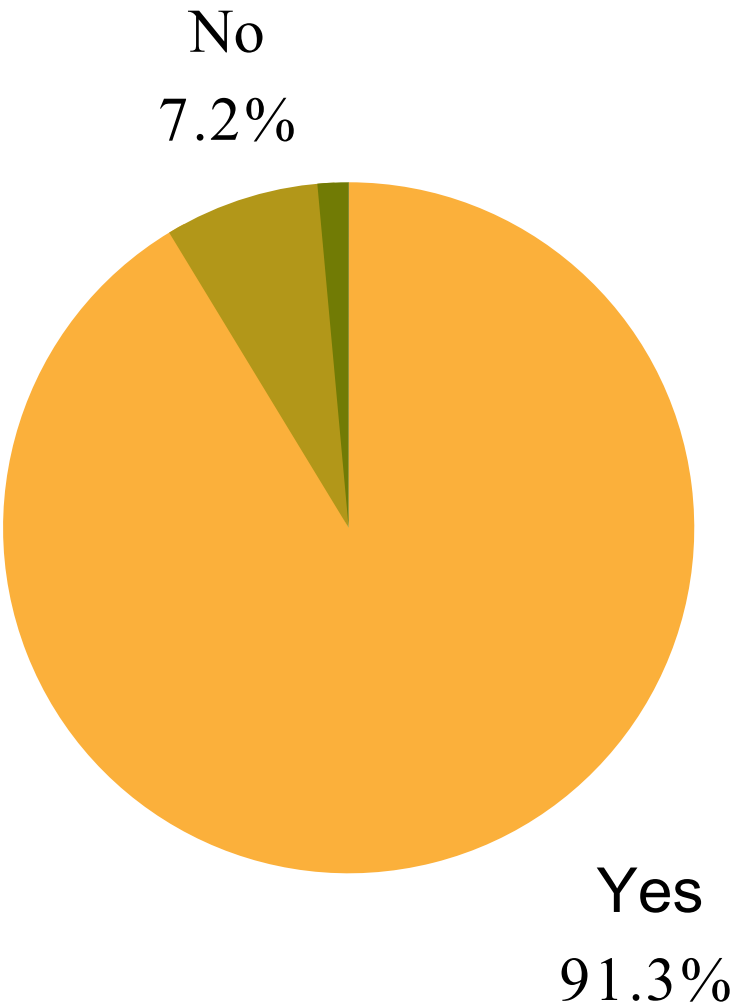


SINCE 2007, THE #1 REASON FOR
CALLING THE TOBACCO EDUCATION
AND PREVENTION PROGRAM HOTLINE
IS TO REPORT DRIFTING SMOKE IN THE
HOME.

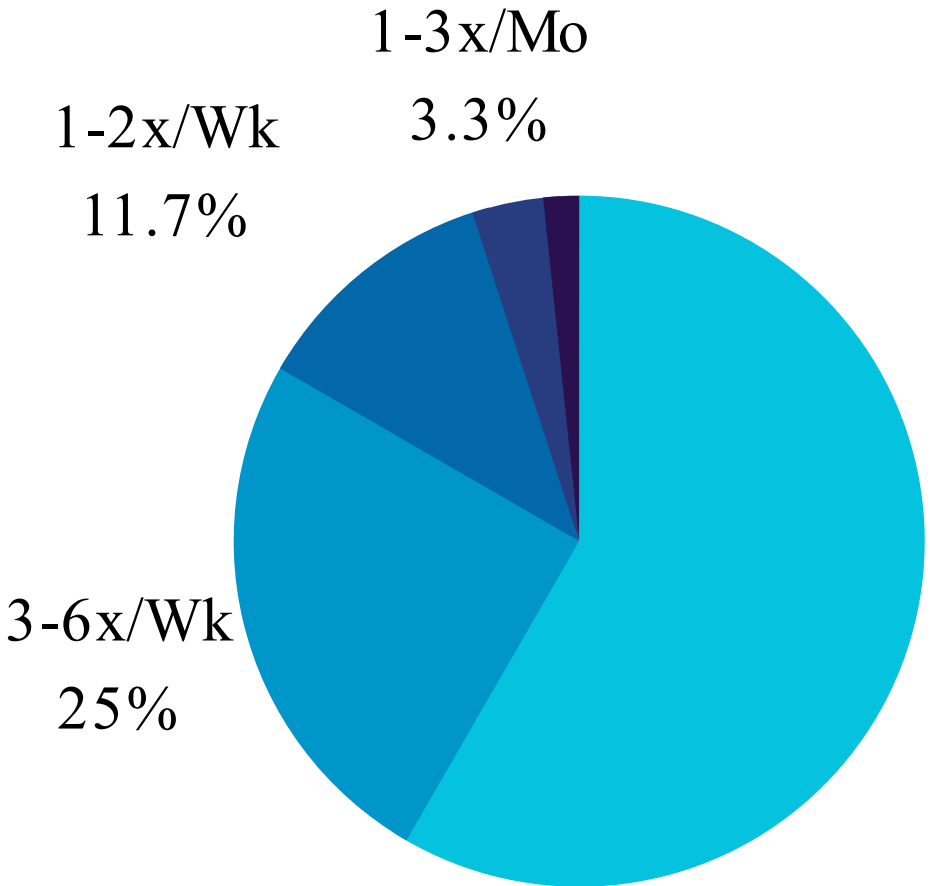
TOTAL CALLS THIS YEAR: 45

2020 Smoke-Free Housing Survey

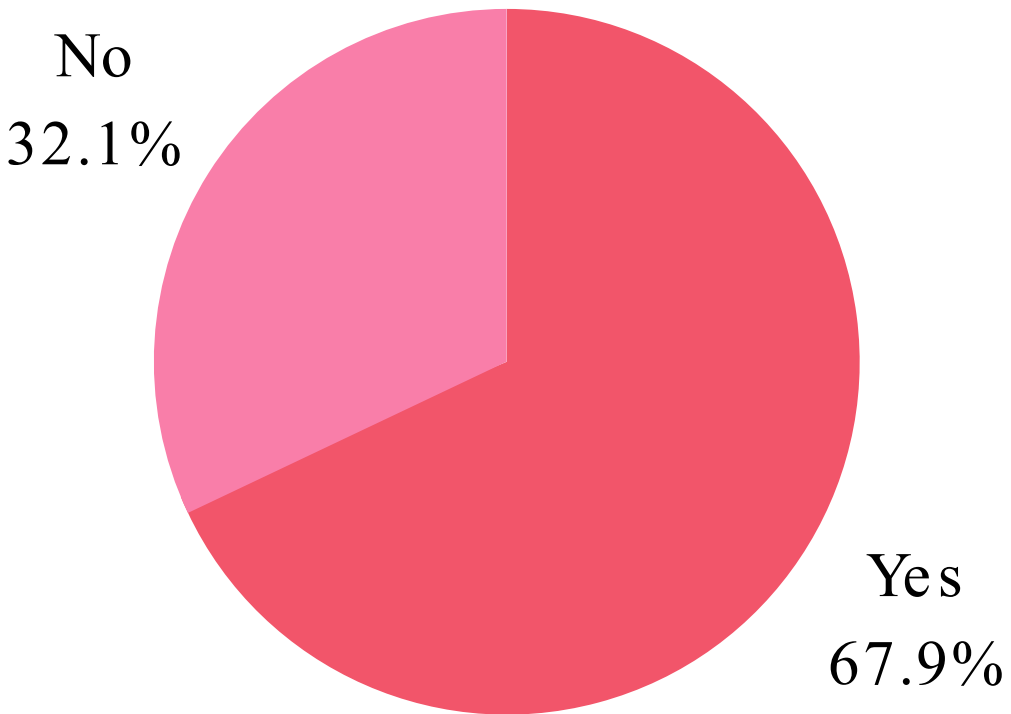
In the past year, have you or a family member been exposed to drifting secondhand smoke while in your unit?



How frequently do you notice secondhand smoke drifting to your unit?



Do you or anyone who lives with you have a medical condition that is made worse by exposure to secondhand smoke



2020 Smoke-Free Housing Responses

"Because of the second hand smoke, I am now experiencing issues with breathing. Unfortunately when I moved into my apartment it was never disclosed that my neighbor downstairs was a smoker and my landlord put me in an 18month lease which I couldn't get out of."

"I really would love to see my building become a Smoke Free building. Not only do my neighbours smoke several times a day, outside and inside their unit, but it seeps up between the floor, through the vents into our home, and into our windows."

"Constant smoking below us. Husband has asthma, we have the fans blowing almost 24 hours a day. Cannot enjoy our beach air."

"I would like to know how to make this building a smoke free building because it's jeopardizing my family's health."



Why go smoke-free?



IT'S LEGAL

Property managers and associations are empowered by federal and California law to make smoke-free policies for their properties just as they can make rules regarding pets or noise.



IT'S PROFITABLE

Going smoke-free protects infrastructure and residents. Smoking is a leading cause of residential fires, and allowing smoking increases turnover costs.



IT'S EASY

Smoke-free buildings are in demand in Long Beach and residents prefer smoke-free environments and many already don't allow smoking in their homes, so smoke-free policies are largely self-enforcing.



COALITION FOR A SMOKE FREE LONG BEACH

CREATING A
SMOKE FREE
LONG BEACH

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

SUPPORT SMOKE-FREE POLICIES

CONTACT THE TEPP PROGRAM

GET INVOLVED

Let's Connect!

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