

**Results of an Angus Reid Survey
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SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

- April 15-18, 2013
- Survey of 833 residents of MUDs in BC
- Margin of error: +/- 3.5%
- 202 for each Health Authority; 24 for North
- 371 Renters
- 461 Owners



SMOKING IN THE HOME

Smoking in the home is rare in BC:



- 32% of MUDs smokers, smoke in the home
- 25% of all MUDs residents allow smoking in their residence or property
- 6% or 50 of 833 allow smoking in a room of the home



- 109 or 13% of respondents were smokers
- 153 smokers in total in the 833 residences surveyed.

SMOKING – RENTERS/OWNERS

- More than twice as many renters than owners smoke: 19% compared to 8%
- But exactly the same proportion smoke in their home: 32%
- The same proportion of renters and owners allow visitors to smoke in their home (25% and 26%)



SHS EXPOSURE

- 50% of MUDs residents report exposure to SHS
- 59% see SHS as a health hazard
- 47% see SHS as a nuisance.



BOTHERED BY SHS



- Nearly 40% of all MUDs residents were bothered when SHS odors got into their residence:
- 2% moved
- 8% considered moving
- 28% bothered quite a bit, but not enough to move.
- 36% bothered somewhat



DEMAND FOR FRESH AIR



A strong desire to live smoke-free

- Nearly 2/3rds prefer a completely smoke-free building
- 2/3rds or more support:
 - » Converting rentals to smoke-free
 - » More condos having smoke-free bylaws
 - » Prohibiting smoking in their own buildings



- 62% prefer to live in a building where smoking is not permitted anywhere.
- 75% support (strongly or moderately) converting rental units to smoke-free once a tenant moves out.
- 69% support more condos having no-smoking bylaws applying to all units and balconies.
- 66% would support a decision to prohibit smoking in their building.

THE RIGHT TO KNOW



Huge Majorities believe they should know:

- If smoking is permitted in the building or on balconies (96%)
- Which units are designated smoking (90%)
- If a previous tenant was a smoker (87%)
- If there have been past complaints about SHS (85%)



MUDS RESIDENTS NEED SUPPORT



- Large majority never complain about SHS
- Only half who complain are satisfied with response
- Less than 1/3 have a formal way to complain
- More than half reported there was no, no-smoking policy for their building
- Less than half said there should be a formal way to address complaints



•72% of respondents never complained to their landlords or condominium councils about SHS.

•8% complained several times and 7% once.

•50% of those who did complain were satisfied (very satisfied or satisfied) with the handling of the SHS problem; while 45% were unsatisfied.

•31% said there was a formal way to address complaints.

•42% said there should be a formal way to address complaints while 44% said there should not be.

•52% reported that their building did not have a no-smoking policy.

REGIONAL VARIATIONS



- Generally similar response for all Regions
- North varied somewhat:
 - » More smokers and more smoke in the home
 - » More saw SHS as a health hazard
 - » Fewer felt SHS something to worry about
 - » Fewer preferred living in a smoke-free building
 - » More supported decision to prohibit smoking in their building



- Small number of respondents from the North (24) mean these results should be taken with caution.

CHANGES SINCE 2008



Increase in:

- Exposure to SHS
- Number bothered by SHS exposure

Decline in:

- Smoking in the home
- Number allowing smoking in their home

Little change:

- Preference for entirely smoke free building



Findings	2008	2013
Exposure SHS	35%	50%
Not bothered SHS	32%	21%
Smoke in home	39%	32%
Allow smoking in home	31%	25%
Prefer smoke-free	58%	62%