



DELAWARE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

GUIDELINE STATEMENT

The *Young Lungs at Play* program is designed to protect the health, welfare and safety of all park and playground patrons.

POLICY STATEMENT

Delaware County Housing Authority (DCHA) is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all persons in accordance with DCHA's Smoke Free Policy.

Therefore, we believe that:

1. Tobacco use in proximity of children, youth, and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities is unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others.
2. Tobacco products once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, posing a risk of ingestion to children and causing a litter problem.
3. As parents, educators, community leaders and officials, we are thought of as role models, and the use of tobacco products around youth has a negative effect on their lifestyle choices.

TOBACCO FREE FACILITIES

Delaware County Housing Authority does not allow the use of tobacco products at any of its parks, playgrounds or recreational fields or within our park buildings and facilities.

COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

1. Delaware County Housing Authority designates the following areas tobacco-free:
 - a. Please list specific tobacco free areas: Delaware County Fairgrounds – Playgrounds 1 & 2 Delaware County Kinder Park – Playgrounds 1, 2 and 3.
2. *Young Lungs at Play* signs will be posted at each of the designated tobacco-free areas
3. Delaware County Housing Authority staff will meet with groups, organizations and the public to discuss the policy and to distribute information concerning the "Tobacco-Free" regulations.
4. *Delaware County Housing Authority* staff will make periodic observations of playgrounds and facilities to monitor compliance and help to promote awareness of the tobacco-free policy.
5. Any person in violation of this policy will be asked to discontinue and refrain from using tobacco or to immediately leave the tobacco-free area.

Please see DCHA Smoke Free Policy for additional restrictions and compliance requirements.

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Executive Director:

