

Cost Differences to Rehabilitate Units

Smoking in a residence can increase turnover costs by more than six-fold. Extensive cleaning, additional paint to cover smoke stains, replacing stained window blinds, or replacing carpets that have been damaged by cigarettes can increase the cost necessary to make a unit occupant ready. The following table compares the cost to rehabilitate a unit where smoking is prohibited versus a unit where smoking is allowed:

	Non-Smoking	Light Smoking	Heavy Smoking
General Cleaning	\$240	\$500	\$720
Paint	\$170	\$225	\$480
Flooring	\$50	\$950	\$1,425
Appliances	\$60	\$75	\$490
Bathroom	\$40	\$60	\$400
Total	\$560	\$1,810	\$3,515

Data reflects surveys from housing authorities and subsidized housing facilities in New England. Collected and reported by Smoke-Free Housing New England, 2009.