

Rental Housing & You

RENTAL HOUSING

When you rent a place to live in Alberta you should expect that it will be a place where you and your family can make a safe and healthy home.

Apartments, rooming houses and townhouses are some examples of units that may be rented as a place to make a home.

A safe and healthy place for you to live should meet all the conditions in the Minimum Housing and Health Standards.

You can find the Minimum Housing and Health Standards on the Alberta Health and Wellness website. http://www.health.gov.ab.ca

Rental housing should provide:

A place to prepare meals that has:

- · A sink with hot and cold running water
- A stove
- A refrigerator
- A counter or table
- A place for storing food

A washroom that has:

- A handsink with hot and cold running water
- A bathtub or shower
- A toilet

Kitchens and bathrooms may be shared.

You should have:

- A working smoke alarm
- A bedroom window that can be used as a fire escape
- · Doors and windows that can be locked securely

You should also have;

- · Heat when it is cold
- Plumbing and sewage that works
- Electricity

As a responsible tenant you should:

- Report problems to the landlord quickly.
- Allow access for repairs.
- Dispose of garbage often into approved garbage cans or dumpsters.
- Keep your suite clean so that pests such as mice and cockroaches do not have a place to hide and multiply.
- Make sure items you bring into your home are pest free.

LANDLORDS ARE EXPECTED TO KEEP THEIR BUILDINGS CLEAN AND IN GOOD ORDER

Notes:			
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If something is not working:

- 1. Call and ask your landlord to fix it.
- 2. Allow time for your repairs to be made.
- 3. If repairs are not made, you can call Alberta Health Services to ask for help.
- 4. You will be asked the following:

Name _				
• Phone _				
 Address 	s			
• Landlor	d's Name			
• Landlor	d's Phone			
• Main Pro	oblem			
`	give your name to anyone contact you to make an ap	•	alth Inspector / Environmental H	lealth
Date:	Time:	Health Inspec	tor: n Services	

Alberta Government Services

- General Information 1-877-427-4088
- Residential Tenancy Dispute Resolutions Services 780-644-3000
- www.governmentservices.gov.ab.ca

For more information, please contact your nearest Environmental Public Health office.

Edmonton Main Office Calgary Main Office Lethbridge Office 780-735-1800 403-943-2295 403-388-6689 Grande Prairie Main Office Red Deer Main Office www.albertahealthservices.ca/eph.asp

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780-513-7517 403-356-6366

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