


Chatham-Kent Health & Family Services
Social Housing
Operations Policy and Procedure Manual

SUBJECT: Termination of Residency – Health Issues		INDEX NO.: CKPH 006
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Legislation: The Tenant Protection Act (Part III, s. 47) specifies that 60-day written notice is required to terminate residency of tenants with a monthly lease agreement. Amendment: TPA replaced by Residential Tenancies Act (RTA) effective January 31, 2007.

Social Housing Eligibility Criteria: In order to be eligible for rent geared-to-income assistance, an individual must be able to live independently, with or without support services (O. Reg. 298/01 s. 7. (2))

Termination of Residency - Special Consideration: During residency, an individual may suffer deterioration of health, affecting their ability to live independently. Medical recommendation may indicate that, due to serious health concerns, the individual is unable to return to their social housing rental unit or that there is an immediate need for relocation to where adequate support services are available.

Support services may be accessed through:

- Hospitalization (terminally ill and chronic care)
- Placement with long term care facility
- Residency with family members

Policy: It is acknowledged that sudden changes in health may necessitate immediate relocation for some social housing residents. It is further acknowledged that enforcing the 60-day notice period (RTA) may place undue financial hardship on a social housing resident, affecting their ability to accept placement in a long term care facility. This may result in risk to the individual if the residency continues without access to identified support services. Finally, the inability to live independently affects continued eligibility for rent geared-to-income assistance.

Chatham-Kent Social Housing will accept one full month written notice for those residents who must terminate tenancy due to extreme health concerns. Prior to consideration, supporting documentation (i.e. physician's recommendation, confirmation of placement in long term care facility, etc.) must be provided with the tenant notice of termination. Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.