

REFUGEE RESPONSE TEAM

Thompson Okanagan & Kootenays

Housing Assessment Tool

Due to the arrival of new permanent residents and displaced Ukrainians in British Columbia, Canadians have been volunteering to temporarily host newcomers in their homes. United Way BC quickly took on the responsibility of providing criminal record checks to host families.

This Housing Assessment Tool is part of a training package and toolkit. The combined toolkit is the response of the BC Interior Refugee Response Team to outreach requests for these homes to match newcomers with safe homes that meet their needs.

Assessments are conducted by volunteers from cultural organizations and settlement agencies across the Thompson-Okanagan and Kootenays. The results of these assessments are compiled and shared with United Way BC, the Refugee Response Team's partner agencies and other stakeholders including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

See [Appendix 1](#) for BC's *Human Rights Code* and [Appendix 2](#) for residential tenancy forms issued by the BC Residential Tenancy Branch.

	Assessment information
Assessing organization:	
Contact name:	
Host name(s):	
Contact information:	
Address:	
Criminal record check (CRC) information:	
CRC status:	
Registered pets:	
Lease required?:	
Details (cost, start and end date, included utilities/furnishings):	

Standard	Description of standards	Result
Accessibility	Is the home accessible for physical/mental abilities and needs? ie:	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Children</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Older adults</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Physical disabilities</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Mental disabilities</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessibility	Is equal access provided in accordance with BC's <i>Human Rights Code</i>? ie:	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>See the attached Appendix 1: Human Rights Code.</i>	
	<i>Relevant sections include section 8: Discrimination in accommodation, service and facility and section 10: Discrimination in tenancy premises.</i>	
Location	Is the home close to relevant social programming? ie:	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Public transit</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Schools</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Grocery stores</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Shopping centres</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Parks and playgrounds</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Libraries</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Community centres</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Places of worship</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Privacy	Is the entrance private?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Privacy	Are there appropriate privacy considerations? ie.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Coverings on windows</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Doors to private spaces</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Locks on doors to private spaces</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Clear divisions between private and public spaces</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety	Does the home or building have safety protocols in place? ie.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Building entrance keys – apartment complex only</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Rental unit entrance main locks – apartment complex only</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Rental unit lock or deadbolt</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Parking remote control – apartment complex only</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Accessible emergency procedures</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Carbon dioxide monitors</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Smoke detectors</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Fire extinguishers</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Sprinkler systems</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Regular review of safety equipment</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shared spaces	Are there shared spaces? ie.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Laundry</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Yard</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Parking</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Kitchen</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Living area</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Washroom facilities</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suitability	Is the home furnished?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Suitability	Is the home large enough to accommodate a large family? ie.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Enough bedrooms</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Enough beds for each member of the family</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Large eating table</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Full kitchen</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suitability	Are there any pets on site?	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Type(s):	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Pets run loose</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Pets are confined</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Open to additional pets</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suitability	What type of upkeep is expected by the tenants? ie.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Yard work</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Repairs</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Snow removal</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Other maintenance</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suitability	Are utilities included?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suitability	Will utilities, internet, and cable be in the tenants' name?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tenancy	Is a lease required?	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Month-to-month contract</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>One year contract</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tenancy	Is the landlord knowledgeable and respectful of cultural differences?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tenancy	Has the landlord taken part in any training or education in cultural awareness training or Diversity Equity or Inclusion training?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes section		