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Hastings County Community and Human Services
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SUBJECT : Unsafe Designation Policy		
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to define and embrace a commitment to providing safe housing as part of the Housing Services mandate. This policy will prevent Housing Services from providing rent geared-to-income housing to a person or persons that have engaged in activities that have a negative effect on the health, safety or security of one or more persons on Housing Services property.

SCOPE

This policy applies to *Housing Services Act, 2011*, Part VII Prescribed Housing Programs and the Hastings Local Housing Corporation.

REQUIREMENT

The Housing Services staff is required to complete an Application for Unsafe Designation and Schedule Guidelines for Unsafe Designation if someone is thought to be unsafe. This application along with the file and supporting documentation are to be presented to the Tenant Placement Co-coordinator and the Housing Manager, who will determine “Unsafe Designation”. Once a person or persons has been given an “Unsafe Designation” they will become ineligible for rent-geared-to-income housing for a period of seven (7) years. At the end of the seven year period, the Safe Housing Committee will review the file and any new information received since the designation was assigned. It may be determined at that time to remove or extend the “Unsafe Designation”.

RESPONSIBILITY

Housing Services has adopted a utilitarian position to make ineligible for rent-geared-to-income housing, a person or persons that are proven to be a danger to other tenants or staff.

REFERENCES

The Housing Services Act, 2011

Ontario Regulation 367/11 s. 50 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5)

The Randolph Group Report, October 20, 2009

Ontario Health & Safety Act

Bill 140, Strong Communities through Affordable Housing Act, 2010, Part 1,(a),(b)

Bill 140, 44. (1)