

Quick Reference Guide to Legislation and By-Laws

The following table describes provincial legislation and municipal by-laws that are relevant to housing and health hazards:

<p><u>Personal Health Information Act (PHIA)</u></p>	<p>The Personal Health Information Act is a privacy law that establishes rules for health care workers and others that have access to personal health information. It requires that client information must be kept private, safe and secure. It describes what personal information is covered under the act and in what circumstances personal information can be disclosed without the consent of the client.</p>
<p><u>Public Health Act</u></p>	<p>The Public Health Act enables public health officials to protect the public and to prevent, detect, manage, and contain health threats without unduly interfering with civil rights and liberties. It deals with notifiable diseases or conditions, communicable diseases, health hazards, public health emergencies, and food safety. If the risk falls under the mandate of this legislation, is serious and immediate, especially to the public, you don't need consent for disclosure of client information such as name and address to report to a medical officer, inspector or other person specified in the regulations.</p> <p>Under this Act, the Safe Housing Program responds to concerns from tenants and the general public For more information see: https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/environmentalhealth/protection/housing.html</p>
<p><u>Workplace Safety and Health Act</u></p>	<p>The Workplace Safety and Health Act (WSH) is intended to keep workers and self-employed persons secure from risks to their safety, health and welfare arising out of, or in connection with, activities in their workplaces; and (b) to protect other persons from risks to their safety and health arising out of, or in connection with, activities in workplaces. When reporting workplace safety hazards under the WSH Act, speak to your supervisor and refer to the <u>WRHA Work Safe Policies</u>.</p>
<p><u>Child and Family Services Act</u></p>	<p>The Child and Family Services Act aims to ensure that appropriate steps are taken to protect children where the life, health or emotional well-being of the child is endangered.</p> <p>If you see a family living in unsafe housing conditions, you should work with the family to connect them with social and community resources to address their housing needs, and provide advocacy where indicated. Unless there is imminent harm or risk of serious injury to the child(ren), housing conditions do not require a mandatory report to CFS.</p> <p>Emergency: 911</p> <p>Child and Family Services 24-hour phone line: 204-944-4200 (Winnipeg)</p>

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<p><u>City of Winnipeg Neighbourhood Livability By-Law</u></p>	<p><u>The City of Winnipeg Neighbourhood Livability By-law</u> provides regulations regarding the basic maintenance of residential properties and neighbourhoods.</p> <p>If the client is renting, they should first try to approach their landlord with their concern. If the problem persists, the client can contact 311 to report a Neighbourhood Liveability By-law breach. You may make a report on behalf of a client only if the client provides their informed and written consent.</p> <p>Contact: 311</p>
<p><u>City of Winnipeg Fire Prevention By-Law</u></p>	<p><u>The City of Winnipeg Fire Prevention By-law</u> includes requirements for, smoke alarms, fire safety systems and storage of fireworks or flammable liquids.</p> <p>Handout for landlords and tenants: <u>Smoke Alarm Regulations for Rental Properties in Winnipeg</u></p> <p>Clients who are renting should tell their landlord or caretaker immediately if their smoke alarm isn't working. Clients can call the Winnipeg Fire Prevention Branch at 204-986-8200 if the landlord doesn't repair or replace the smoke alarm within 24 hours. You may make a report on behalf of a client only if the client provides their informed and written consent.</p>
<p><u>The Residential Tenancies Act</u></p>	<p><u>The Residential Tenancies Act</u> outlines the rights and responsibilities of renters and landlords including leases, rent and rent increases, terminating tenancy, security deposits, and repairs.</p> <p>For information and mediation for disputes between tenants and landlords contact the Residential Tenancies Branch Winnipeg: 204-945-2476.</p> <p>You may make a report on behalf of a client only if the client provides their informed and written consent.</p>