Appendix C: Findings of the Environmental Scan

Table C-6: Pan-Canadian Scan of Public Health Regulations: Housing

Jurisdiction	Title of Regulation	Specific Part(s) or Section(s)	Equity Reference	Context
British Columbia				
Alberta	Alberta Regulation 173/99			
	Housing Regulation			
Saskatchewan				
Manitoba	Dwellings and Buildings Regulation Regulation 322/88 R	In this regulation "lodging house" means any building or part thereof designed, intended, or used as a dwelling, in which persons are harboured, received, or lodged, or accommodation is let for sleeping purposes by the week or less period of time, but does not include a hotel licensed as such "rooming house" means a dwelling in which two or more rooms are rented and used by families living separately, all or some of whom use common lavatory and toilet facilities, and to whom cooking facilities may or may not be available, but does not include a dwelling in which rooms are rented to four, or fewer than four, persons excluding the proprietor and the proprietor's family, and does not include a hotel; Size requirements 6 (5) Where he or she thinks it necessary, a medical officer or inspector may affix to any dwelling unit or any room in any lodging house, rooming house, hotel, or other building, a notice stating thereon the number of persons who may occupy that dwelling unit or room, and the owner or person in charge is responsible for ensuring that the number of persons so occupying the unit or room conforms to the requirements of the notice.	Populations: marginalized, low income	Regulatory Requirement: discretionary authority of public health practitioner to impose limits on number of persons residing in lodging or rooming house; compulsory requirements for operating lodging or rooming house



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		Requirements for a multiple family dwelling, lodging house or rooming house		
		No person shall let a multiple family dwelling, lodging house or rooming house to another person, and no other person shall operate or cause to be operated any multiple family dwelling, lodging house, or rooming house, unless		
		(a) the windows of all rooms are equipped with blinds or curtains to ensure privacy;		
		(b) the furniture, beds, bedspreads, bedsprings, pillows, mattresses, bed linen, blankets, and bed covers are maintained in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition;		
		(c) separate towels are provided for each person if towels are furnished for guests, tenants, or employees;		
		 (d) on each storey on which meals are prepared, there is at least one sink available to all persons preparing meals; 		
		 (e) a supply of hot and cold running water is supplied to each wash basin, sink, and bath at all times to the satisfaction of a medical officer or inspector; 		
		 (f) all walls and ceilings are maintained in good repair, in a clean condition, and are painted or otherwise cleansed and redecorated when considered necessary by a medical officer or inspector; 		
		(g) all floors and floor coverings are in good repair and such coverings are well fitting;		
		(h) there is on the premises, located to the satisfaction of a medical officer or inspector, one water closet and one wash basin for each 10 persons, or fraction thereof, in residence, and a minimum of one water closet, one wash basin, one bath, and one sink, except that a shower in proper working order may be installed in place of a bath at the discretion of the medical officer or inspector;		
		(i) the plumbing fixtures and the room in which they are installed		
		(ii) are located so as to be accessible to all tenants at all times, and(iii) are kept in a clean and sanitary condition;		
		(j) each water closet is provided with seats in good repair;		
		(k) an adequate supply of toilet paper is provided for each water closet;		
		(I) each room or compartment enclosing a water closet or bath designed to be used separately is enclosed by a substantial partition extending from the floor to the ceiling;		
		(m) each water closet compartment and bath compartment is provided with a door capable of being securely fastened by the person using the facilities;		



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		(n	doors to the entrances of rooms occupied by roomers and doors to the entrances of dwelling units are capable of being locked inside and outside the rooms or dwelling units; and all doors have passage sets in good repair, except those doors referred to in clause		
		(0	(n).		
		Requirer	nents to operate an apartment house, lodging house or rooming house		
		16 N	o apartment house, lodging house, or rooming house shall be operated unless		
		(a	adequate lighting is provided in all storage rooms, locker rooms, laundries, and compartments containing plumbing fixtures;		
		(b	every corridor, hall, and stairway is lighted at all times in accordance with the recommended practice for lighting in buildings contained in the National Building Code as amended from time to time;		
		(c)	every interior and exterior stairway is fitted with a handrail on at least one side and, where the stairway exceeds 112 cm (44 inches) in width or both sides of the stairway are unprotected, is fitted with a handrail on each side; and		
		(d) every handrail required under clause (c)		
			(i) is continuous between landings,		
			(ii) is so constructed and fitted that there is no obstruction on or above the handrail that may break a hand hold,		
			(iii) is fastened at a uniform height, being not less than 76 cm (30 inches) nor more than 107 cm (42 inches) measured vertically from the surface of each stairtread to the top of the handrail,		
			(iv) where the handrail is fastened to a wall, has a uniform clearance of at least 3.8 cm (one and one-half inches) between the handrail and the wall to which it is fastened, and		
			(v) where only one handrail is required under clause (c), and one side of the stairway is unprotected, is located on the unprotected side.		
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Newfoundland & Labrador				
Nova Scotia				
New Brunswick				
Prince Edward Island				
Yukon				
Northwest Territories				
Nunavut				

