

# What is a Home Takeover?

A home takeover happens when you can't get someone to leave your home and they start making you feel physically, financially or emotionally unsafe.

It might seem fair at first - like trading free stuff for a place to crash - but **gets bad over time.**

Home takeovers can be done by people you care about, or by strangers.



## Protect Your Home

***Stop home takeover before it starts.***

- Don't have too many people over at once
- Stay connected with people you can trust
- Know the rules of your lease
- Set your own house rules and stick to them
- Be careful about who you let stay in your home
- Don't give others your phone or keys

# Is this a Home Takeover?

Having guests in your home should be nice.

**Sometimes that changes.**

Ask yourself, are they...

- **doing stuff that could get you in trouble?**
- **making you feel anxious, worried, or unsafe?**
- **making you do things you don't want to do?**
- **staying because you owe them money?**

***If you answered yes to any of these questions, reach out for support.***

# Worried about someone you know?

"It began by feeling sorry for people using drugs in the street. I felt bad that I had a place to go, and they didn't."

"I felt threatened many times. I was punched out if I asked people to leave."

"I was evicted.. but I left a week prior because I had no stuff left there..it had all been robbed..and there were too many people."

A tenant is responsible for what happens in their home. If you think a home takeover is happening to your neighbour or someone you care about, you need to get help to keep them safe.

# For help with a home takeover, talk to:

- Someone you trust
- Your housing provider
- Your support worker

## Not sure who to call?



Confidential and quick.  
Dial 2-1-1 or visit 211.ca



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**In an emergency, call 911.**

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# Home should be a *safe* place



**If you feel that your neighbour or someone you care about is in danger because of a home takeover, take action and get help. Support is here.**