

How to Prevent and Address Home Takeovers

What is a Home Take Over?

A “home takeover” is when a legitimate tenant or homeowner finds themselves unsafe because there are people in their home that they may or may not be able to remove.

These situations can range in severity from theft to serious assault; involve a range of relationships from family to drug dealing; take advantage of the tenant’s soft spots (e.g., addiction, isolation, developmental disability, health issue); and always leave the tenant or homeowner uncomfortable and at risk of losing their home.

Preventing and Addressing Home Takeovers

Your home should be your safe place. Don’t let others come in and take over your home. Get help. See the following resources that can assist you or someone you are working with:

[Eight short home takeovers videos \(available in English and French\).](#)

The first video is followed by others that highlight a different kind of home takeover (i.e., general isolation, developmental disabilities, addictions, youth, gangs and older adults.)

If you believe you are the victim or a home takeover then contact someone you trust, your caseworker, the police, a counsellor, or anyone you feel can help you safely get out of the situation you are in.

