

# Health Enforcement Orders

Environmental Public Health

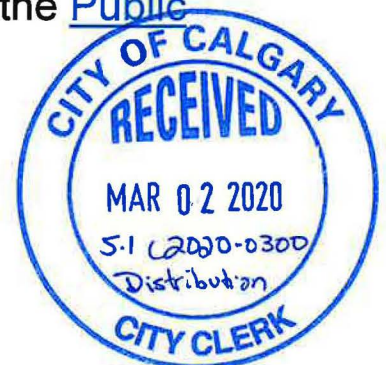
## Legislation

The Environmental Public Health Program enforces Alberta's Public Health Act (RSA Chapter P-37), including many regulations like the Food Regulation (A.R. 31/2006) and the Housing Regulation (A.R. 173/99).

Environmental Public Health enforces Alberta's Public Health Act (RSA Chapter P-37) and the following regulations and standards:

- [Food Regulation](#)
  - [Food Retail and Food Services Code](#)
- [Housing Regulation](#)
  - [Minimum Housing and Health Standards](#) (Alberta Health)
- [Institutions Regulation, 1981](#)
- [Nuisance and General Sanitation Regulation](#)
- [Personal Services Regulation](#)
  - [Health Standards and Guidelines for Barbering and Hairstyling](#)
  - [Health Standards and Guidelines for Body and Ear Piercing](#)
  - [Health Standards and Guidelines for Electrolysis](#)
  - [Health Standards and Guidelines for Esthetics](#)
  - [Health Standards and Guidelines for Tattooing](#)
- [Public Swimming Pools Regulation](#)
  - [Pool Standards July 2014 \(amended 2018\)](#)
- [Recreation Area Regulation](#)
- [Work Camps Regulation](#)

The [Public Health Appeal Board](#) hears appeals from individuals who have been directly affected by an order issued by a public health inspector under the Public Health Act. Visit the [Public Health Appeal Board website](#) to learn more.





(Consolidated up to 38/2018)

## **ALBERTA REGULATION 173/99**

### **Public Health Act**

### **HOUSING REGULATION**

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#### **Definitions**

**1** In this Regulation,

- (a) "Act" means the *Public Health Act*;
- (b) "housing premises" means any structure that is used or intended to be used wholly or partly for accommodation purposes and includes
  - (i) an apartment building,
  - (ii) a dormitory,
  - (iii) a dwelling,
  - (iv) a hotel or motel,
  - (v) a lodging house,
  - (vi) a mobile home, and
  - (vii) a rooming house;

- (c) “owner” means the registered owner and any agent of the owner in actual or apparent possession or control of land or premises.

### **Application**

**2** This Regulation does not apply to housing premises or to that part of the housing premises that is occupied solely by the owner and the owner’s dependants.

### **Owner’s obligations**

**3(1)** Subject to subsection (3) and section 4, an owner shall ensure that

- (a) the housing premises are
  - (i) structurally sound,
  - (ii) in a safe condition,
  - (iii) in good repair, and
  - (iv) maintained in a waterproof, windproof and weatherproof condition;
- (b) the occupants of the housing premises are supplied with adequate
  - (i) sanitary facilities, including a sanitary drainage system or private sewage disposal system,
  - (ii) heating facilities that are capable of maintaining a habitable indoor temperature, if the housing premises are used or intended for use during all or part of the period from September 1 in one year until May 1 in the following year,
  - (iii) running hot and cold water that is safe for human consumption, and
  - (iv) space for sleeping purposes;
- (c) the common areas of the housing premises, its fixtures and any furnishings provided by the owner are maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

**(2)** An owner shall ensure that the housing premises’ plumbing system and facilities provided under subsection (1)(b) are free from defects and maintained in proper operating condition.

**(3)** An executive officer of the region in which the housing premises are located may exempt its owner from the requirements of subsections (1)(b)(i) and (iii) and (2) where the owner supplies and maintains an alternative system regarding the requirements under those subsections that is satisfactory to the executive officer.

**Maintenance standards**

**4** An owner shall maintain the housing premises in compliance with the *Minimum Housing and Health Standards*, as approved and published by the Minister and as amended by the Minister from time to time.

**Prohibitions**

**5(1)** No person shall occupy or permit the occupation of housing premises in respect of which an order under section 62(4)(b) of the Act is in effect.

**(2)** No person shall cause or permit any condition in housing premises that is or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health, including any condition that may hinder in any way the prevention or suppression of disease.

AR 173/99 s5;251/2001

**Repeal**

**6** The *Housing Regulation* (AR 241/85) is repealed.

**Expiry**

**7** For the purpose of ensuring that this Regulation is reviewed for ongoing relevancy and necessity, with the option that it may be repassed in its present or an amended form following a review, this Regulation expires on August 31, 2021.

AR 173/99 s7;354/2003;158/2011;140/2012;155/2013;161/2014;  
127/2016;38/2018

**Coming into force**

**8** This Regulation comes into force on September 1, 1999.