



Parts of a Housing Policy



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Teaching Children and Young People About Caring for a Home

Our Inquiry Question

Today we will be thinking about:

What are the housing rules and regulations in my First Nation?

Today's activities:

1

What is a Housing Policy?

What is this document and why is it important?

2

What is in a Housing Policy?

What does a housing policy tell us about our roles and responsibilities?

3

Reflect & Review

How well do you remember what you have learned? Write a summary of a housing policy with examples.



What is a Housing Policy?

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A housing policy is a document that explains the roles and responsibilities of housing occupants and housing departments.

You can think of it as a set of natural or social laws about housing.

A Few Definitions

Rule: an agreed upon way of acting or behaving

Regulation: a rule made by an authority (like the Chief and Council or the Housing Department)

Policy: a set of rules or guidelines that a business, government, or group of people follow

Turn and Talk

What is the difference between a rule, regulation, and policy?

Turn and talk to a partner to share your ideas.



Roles and Responsibilities

What roles and responsibilities do you think housing occupants have?

What roles and responsibilities do you think housing departments have?

Brainstorm with a small group and record your ideas!





What is in a Housing Policy?

Parts of a Housing Policy



Housing policies can look different in each community. We will learn more about the general information you will find in each section of this document.



Purpose



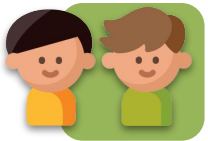
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Some housing policies might include their purpose or mission statement.

They talk about what they want to achieve in their First Nation.

This section might include any of the First Nation's natural laws or guiding principles the housing policy follows.

Your Turn!

Can you think of any natural laws or guiding principles your First Nation would want to include in their housing policy?

If you were making a housing policy, what would be the top housing goal you would want to achieve for community members?

Turn and talk about your ideas with a partner.
Make sure you record your answers!



Housing Department

This section of a housing policy talks about the people who are in charge of housing in the First Nation.

Here you can find things like:



- Who is in the housing department
- The roles and responsibilities of the housing department
- Information about meetings held by the housing department

Your Turn!

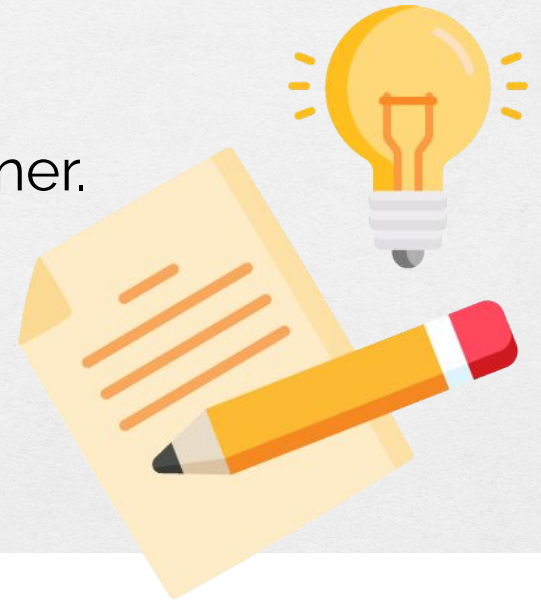
Look at some of the roles and responsibilities of the housing department you identified before.

Was your thinking correct?

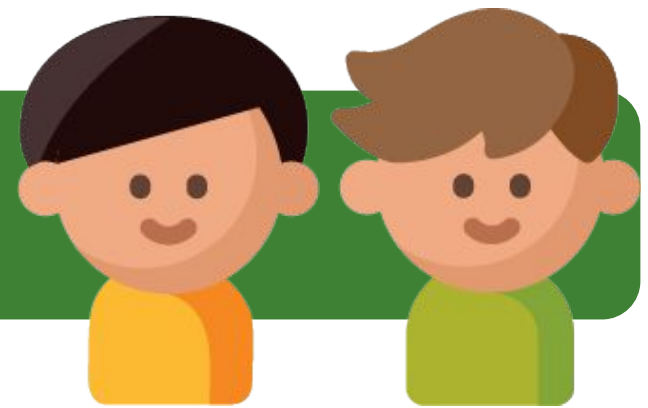
What new information have you learned?

Turn and talk about your ideas with a partner.

Make sure you record your answers!



Current Occupants

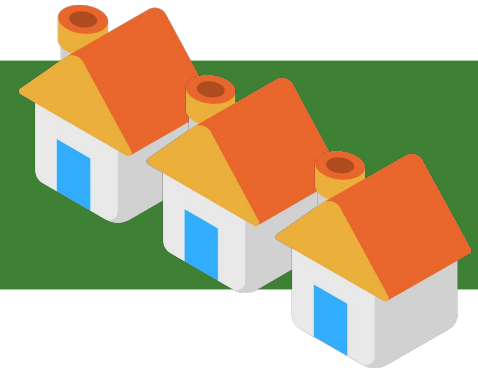


Current occupants are people who currently have housing in their First Nation.

This section of the housing policy explains things like:

- Tenancy agreements (contracts with the housing department for people who rent their home)
- Roles and responsibilities of housing occupants
- Information about housing inspections

Current Occupants



In the housing occupants section of a housing policy, you can usually find rules about:

- Renovations and repairs
- Trading houses and house sitting
- Being away from the community
(e.g., how long your house can be empty)

Your Turn!

Look at some of the roles and responsibilities of a housing occupant you identified earlier.

Were you correct in your thinking?

What new information have you learned?

Turn and talk about your ideas with a partner.

Make sure you record your answers!



Applicants

Applicants are people who want to get housing in their First Nation. This section of the housing policy will explain:

- How to apply for housing
- The waitlist for housing
 - How priority for housing is determined (who would get housing first?)



Your Turn!

Do you know how to get housing in your First Nation?

Turn and talk about your ideas with a partner.

Make sure you record your answers!



Administration



The administration section of a housing policy explains things like:

- How decisions are made in the housing department
- How you can communicate with the housing department
- How changes are made to the housing policy
- What to do if you think a decision about housing was unfair

Your Turn!

Do you know how you can get in touch with the housing department in your First Nation?

Turn and talk about your ideas with a partner.

Make sure you record your answers!



Reflect on Our Learning

How well do you remember what you learned today?
Can you write a summary of each section of a housing policy?



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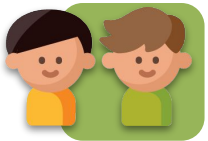
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