

KEY MESSAGES FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING PROVIDERS

Re: Bill 10, *Protect Ontario Through Safer Streets and Stronger Communities Act, 2025*

Read the full legislation: [Bill 10, Protect Ontario Through Safer Streets and Stronger Communities Act, 2025 - Legislative Assembly of Ontario](#)

Shared commitment to safe communities

- Like the government, we are committed to building and maintaining **safe, healthy communities** across Ontario.
- As **non-profit, community-based organizations**, we operate differently than private landlords. Any new legislation must recognize and reflect these differences.

Concerns about the legislation

- **Bill 10 is broad and ambiguous**, making it difficult to understand how it will be applied in practice.
- **Clearer regulations and guidance are needed.**
- Our goal remains the same as the province's: **ensuring safety and well-being for all tenants and community members.**

Safety investments and financial pressures

- Many providers have **already invested in safety measures including** improved lighting, secure entry systems, and on-site support. [Provide details about your specific measures and situation].

- Additional requirements may result in **new costs**. We urge the province to **provide funding or resources** to support implementation.

Accountability and leadership

- Strong governance and leadership are vital, but we are concerned that **increased personal liability for board members and staff** could deter qualified volunteers and professionals.
- Any accountability measures must be **balanced and fair**, recognizing the not-for-profit nature of our sector.

Recognizing staff capacity and expertise

- Our staff are **trained professionals** who are deeply committed to tenant well-being.
- New rules must reflect **what staff can realistically do** and be backed by adequate **training, funding, and operational support**.

Importance of sector input

- We ask that **front-line workers and providers** be meaningfully consulted as regulations are developed.
- Their real-world experience is critical to shaping **practical, effective, and fair policy**.

Collaborating on solutions

- We want to **work with the government** to ensure new rules are **realistic, enforceable, and sustainable**.
- Together, we can keep communities safe **without undermining the ability of non-profit providers** to deliver affordable housing.

ONPHA community commitment

- As part of the ONPHA community, we're committed to **constructive partnership with government** throughout this process.
- We bring **decades of experience and expertise** and we're ready to help shape policies that work for everyone.