



Health & Safety Priority Status

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Complete this form and return it **one** of these ways:

By Mail:

Niagara Regional Housing
P.O. Box 344
Thorold, ON L2V 3Z3

By Fax: 905-935-0476

In Person:

Niagara Regional Housing
Regional Admin Building
Campbell East
2201 St. David's Road, Thorold

What is Health & Safety Priority Status?

Health & Safety Priority status may be assigned to a household where a member of the household meets at least one of the following indicators:

- Persons whose personal safety is significantly at risk (other than an abusive relationship).
- Persons with a serious health condition or terminal illness, that would result in significant hardship or personal risk should the applicant be required to wait a prolonged period of time to access housing.

Financial difficulties and / or landlord issues are not considered for Health & Safety Priority status.

When assessing requests for Health & Safety Priority status, the documentation submitted must clearly demonstrate how your personal safety is significantly at risk, or how your serious, life threatening, health condition or terminal illness is severely affected by where you are living now and how this will be alleviated or significantly improved by moving.

I, _____ hereby request Health & Safety Priority status and authorize and consent to the completion of this form and its submission to Niagara Regional Housing and to the disclosure to NRH of any additional information it may request to clarify information on this form and/or information contained in the letter of verification provided by a professional.	
Signature	Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Please tell us the telephone number and address where you would prefer to be contacted.

By Telephone Telephone Number _____
 Alternate Telephone Number _____

By Mail Mailing Address _____

Other Please Specify _____

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Health & Safety Request Decision Approved Denied **Date** _____

Staff Signature _____

Verification Process

Who can verify your situation?

A person who has a professional relationship with the applicant, including but not limited to:

- doctor
- lawyer
- registered nurse
- registered practical nurse
- law enforcement officer
- member of the clergy
- teacher
- guidance counsellor
- community health care worker
- social worker
- social service worker
- victim services worker
- settlement services worker
- shelter worker
- community legal worker
- any service agency or medical care facility
- an individual in a managerial or administrative position with a housing provider

TO BE COMPLETED BY VERIFIER:

Persons providing verification must check off **all of the following statements:**

- I have a **professional** relationship with this client and am eligible to complete this form.
- I have reviewed the eligibility criteria for Health & Safety Priority status and believe this client qualifies.
- I am aware of my responsibility in providing verification and declare that the information I have provided is an accurate account of the client's situation to the best of my knowledge.
- I have attached a letter providing information about the applicant's situation. The letter of verification must clearly demonstrate how the applicant's personal safety is significantly at risk, or how the applicant's serious, life threatening health condition or terminal illness is severely affected by where they are living now and how this will be alleviated or significantly improved by moving.

Name	Organization	Position/Title
Telephone Number	Signature	Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

IMPORTANT

Niagara Regional Housing cannot make a decision if the request for Health & Safety Priority status is not complete. To ensure the request is complete, please make sure the request has been signed and there is a letter of verification from a professional attached to the request.