

**ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER
UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION
ORDER TO VACATE**

To: Alice Bitamba
"the Owner"

And To: All Occupant(s) of the following Housing premises:

RE: Those housing premises located in Edmonton, Alberta and municipally described as:
11325 103 Street NW

WHEREAS I, an **Executive Officer** of **Alberta Health Services**, have inspected the above noted premises pursuant to the provisions of the **Public Health Act**, RSA 2000, c. P-37, as amended;

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following conditions exist in and about the above noted premises which are or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health or which might hinder in any manner the prevention or suppression of disease, namely:

- a. Windows were in disrepair in places, with broken windows and missing window panes.
- b. Finishes were in disrepair in places including:
 - The panel beside the front (west) door was constructed of unfinished particle board
 - There were holes in various walls throughout
 - The basement bathroom flooring and walls were in disrepair
 - The basement ceiling had missing and broken ceiling tiles
 - The basement walls reduced to studs in places
- c. There was no handrail along the stairs leading to the basement.
- d. There was a plumbing/sewage backup in the basement.
- e. The basement bedrooms had windows that were too small for emergency egress.
- f. The basement shower stall enclosure was broken.
- g. There was no operational smoke alarm in the basement.
- h. There were some electrical outlets that were in disrepair, and cover plates missing, in places.

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following breaches of the Public Health Act and the Housing Regulation, Alberta Regulation 173/99, and the Minimum Housing and Health Standards exist in and about the above noted premises, namely:

- a. Item [a] was in contravention of section III(2)(b) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: All windows and exterior doors shall be; maintained in good repair, free of cracks and weatherproof. (ii) In housing premises intended for use during the winter months, windows in habitable rooms shall protect against cold weather through the provision of a storm sash, double glazing, or other durable thermal/air resistant barrier as may be approved by the Executive Officer. (iii) During the portion of the year when there is

- a need for protection against flies and other flying insects, every window or other device intended for ventilation shall be supplied with effective screens.
- b. Item [e] was in contravention of section III(3)(b) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: (i) For buildings of 3 storeys or less and except where a bedroom door provides access directly to the exterior or the suite is sprinklered, each bedroom shall have at least one outside window which may be opened from the inside without the use of tools or special knowledge. (ii) Windows referred to in section 3(b)(i) shall provide unobstructed openings with areas not less than 0.35 m² (3.8ft²), with no dimension less than 380 mm (15"). (iii) If the window referred in section 3(b)(i) is provided with security bars, the security bars shall be installed so they may be opened from the inside without the use of any tools or special knowledge. (iv) Notwithstanding section 3(b)(i), (ii) and (iii), alternate provisions for emergency egress may be approved by an executive officer where, after consultation with a safety codes officer, the executive officer is satisfied that the alternate provisions provide for means of emergency egress.
 - c. Item [c] was in contravention of section III(3)(c)(i) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: Inside or outside stairs or porches including all treads, risers, supporting structural members, handrails, guards and balconies, shall be maintained in good repair and shall comply with the requirements of the Alberta Building Code or a Professional Engineer design.
 - d. Item [b] was in contravention of section III(5) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: All walls, windows, ceilings, floors, and floor coverings shall be maintained in good repair, free of cracks, holes, loose or lifting coverings and in a condition that renders it easy to clean. (a) Rooms containing a flush toilet and/or a bathtub or shower shall have walls and floors that are smooth, non-absorbent to moisture and easy to clean. All walls shall form a watertight joint with each other, the floor, the ceiling and where applicable with the bathtub or shower. (b) Rooms and sections of rooms that are used for food preparation and cooking shall have walls and floors constructed of materials which do not provide harbourage to dirt, grease, vermin and bacteria and that are easily kept clean.
 - e. Item [d, f] was in contravention of section IV(6) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: Every housing premises shall be connected to the public sewage system, or to an approved private sewage disposal system. (a) The plumbing system and the sanitary drainage system or private sewage disposal system, as the case may be, including drains, fixtures, traps, vents, stacks, waste disposal facilities, pumpout sewage holding tanks, septic tanks and the disposal system shall be maintained in a proper operating condition. (b) Adequate water volume and pressure shall be provided to ensure the proper operation and flushing of all fixtures. (c) All plumbing fixtures shall be serviceable, free from leaks, trapped and vented to the outside.
 - f. Item [h] was in contravention of section IV(11) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: Every housing premises shall be supplied with electrical service. Outlets, switches and fixtures shall be properly installed and shall be maintained in a good and safe working condition.
 - g. Item [g] was in contravention of section IV(12) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: Smoke alarms within dwellings shall be installed between each sleeping area and the remainder of the suite and, where hallways serve the sleeping areas; the smoke alarms shall be installed within the hallway. (a) Smoke alarms shall be operational and in good repair at all times.

AND WHEREAS, by virtue of the foregoing, the above noted premises are hereby declared to be **Unfit for Human Habitation**.

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

1. That the occupants vacate the above noted premises on or before September 15, 2022.
2. That the Owner undertake and diligently pursue the completion of the following work in and about the above noted premises, namely:
 - a. Repair or replace any windows that are broken, single paned, and/or missing insect screens.
 - b. Repair the damaged wall, ceiling, and flooring finishes in living areas in the home.
 - c. Install a handrail along the stairs leading to the basement.
 - d. Ensure that properly working smoke alarms are installed between each sleeping area and the remainder of the suite.
 - e. Ensure that bedrooms have adequate means of emergency egress. Windows shall provide unobstructed openings with areas not less than 0.35 m² (3.8ft²), with no dimension less than 380 mm (15"). (iii) If the window referred in section 3(b)(i) is provided with security bars, the security bars shall be installed so they may be opened from the inside without the use of any tools or special knowledge.
 - f. Repair the plumbing/sewage disposal system to ensure that is operating properly (provide evidence of the investigation as to the cause of the back-up and the measures taken to rectify the cause).
 - g. Clean and disinfect the area impacted by the potential sewage contamination. One may refer to the procedure outlined in the following Alberta Health Services document: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/Advisories/ne-pha-cleaning-house.pdf>.
 - h. Repair or replace the basement shower enclosure.
 - i. Repair the electrical deficiencies in the home so that outlets, switches and fixtures are properly installed and in a good and safe working condition.
3. That until such time as the work referred to above is completed to the satisfaction of an Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services; the above noted premises shall remain vacant and secure from unauthorized entry.

The above conditions were noted at the time of inspection and may not necessarily reflect all deficiencies. You are advised that further work may be required to ensure full compliance with the Public Health Act and regulations, or to prevent a public health nuisance.

DATED at Edmonton, Alberta, August 22, 2022

Executive Officer
Alberta Health Services

You have the right to appeal

A person who a) is directly affected by a decision of a Regional Health Authority, and

b) feels himself aggrieved by the decision

may appeal the decision by submitting a Notice of Appeal form within ten (10) days after receiving the order to:

Public Health Appeal Board
c/o Central Reception
Main Floor, ATB Place North Tower
10025 Jasper Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1S6
Phone: 780-222-5186
Fax: 780-422-0914
Email: HealthAppealBoard@gov.ab.ca
Website: <https://www.alberta.ca/public-health-appeal-board.aspx>

A Notice of Appeal form may be obtained by contacting the Public Health Appeal Board or visiting their website.

Health Legislation, Regulations and Standards

Electronic versions of the Public Health Act and Regulations are available at the Alberta Queen's Printer Bookstore 10611 - 98 Avenue, Main Floor, Park Plaza, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 2P7 or www.qp.gov.ab.ca.

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Copies of standards are available by contacting the Health Protection Branch of Alberta Health at 780-427-4518 or by visiting: <https://www.alberta.ca/health-standards-and-guidelines.aspx>

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