

Home Takeovers

Dealing with Home Takeovers:

If you or one of your neighbours have found your home taken over by un-welcome people, who make you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, physically, mentally, or financially, there are ways you can get help.

Home takeovers don't always look the same, but nobody should feel unsafe or be taken advantage of in their own home. For a better idea of what these might look like, check out these short videos from Ottawa Crime Prevention:

youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4qL33LNgD9ssSnY3jpfFOrk6lUuUuuai

Where can I get help?

If you feel there's an immediate threat to your safety, you may want to contact the police by calling 9-1-1, but depending on the situation, you may be able to find assistance from a local agency:

Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), for mental health assistance:

415 Water Street
(705) 748-6687
cmhahkpr.ca

Community Counselling and Resource Centre, for housing help, financial and counselling services:

540 George Street North
(705) 743-2272
ccrc-ptbo.com

Peterborough Community Legal Centre, for legal assistance:

4th floor, 150 King Street
(705) 749-9355
ptbo-clc.org

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Peterborough Elder Abuse Prevention Network:

705-876-1122 ext.327

centraleast@elderabuseontario.com or info@elderabuseontario.com

peapn.com

Or contact the Seniors Safety Line at 1-866-299-1011

Peterborough Youth Services, for counselling and youth services:

459 Reid Street

(705) 743-1681

pysyouth@pysonline.ca

pysonline.ca

If people that your roommate invited over make you feel unsafe, you might be able to reach a solution by talking to your roommate about it. If they won't agree to do anything, you can talk to your landlord, and they may be able to intervene. In serious situations, your landlord may be able to evict the problematic roommate for putting your safety or 'reasonable enjoyment' of the home at risk.

If the takeover is a matter for the police, but you don't need to call 9-1-1, you can reach the

Peterborough Police at:

500 Water Street

(705) 876-1122

peterboroughpolice.com/en/index.aspx