

Consent Form
Accessible Housing Workshops

You are invited to participate in a workshop as part of a research study on Accessible Housing in Canada. This study is conducted through the University of British Columbia in partnership with the Accessible Housing Network (AHN).

What is the purpose of this project?

The goal of this project is to assess how well housing in Canada meets the needs of people living with disabilities and to identify current priorities related to accessibility. Findings aim to inform policy recommendations to improve housing accessibility nationwide. The federal government has released a National Housing Strategy that says everyone has a right to housing. This project seeks to make sure that this includes people with disabilities.

What is involved in participation for this project?

There will be three workshops with different topics of focus (Access Rights, Occupancy Rights, Exit Rights). You can choose to attend one or more workshops. Each workshop will take approximately 90 minutes. In this workshop, you will be asked questions about how you understand accessibility and will review questions to help the research team design a survey about housing accessibility in Canada.

What are the benefits of participating in this project?

By taking part in this study, you will help decide what is important to ask about during the research, design the survey, and give advice to make housing more accessible in Canada. This project lets the community have a say and can be empowering for participants.

What are the risks involved in this project?

There may be some privacy risks associated with attending the group workshop. However, the workshop will be hosted on a secure, password protected online platform. Facilitators will ask participants to keep the discussion confidential. Participants will be encouraged to join the meeting with a name of their choice (given, or pseudonym) based on their comfort levels. You will also have the option of having your camera on or off during the workshop.

How will participant confidentiality be protected?

Your personal information will be kept strictly confidential. This means that information that may be used to identify you will not be used in publications or communications related to the research results. Identifying information will be kept separate from the data collected in a password protected file belonging to the Principal Investigator.

Will the workshops be audio-recorded?

All workshops will be audio-recorded with your express permission. Audio-recordings will be transcribed to ensure that what you share is accurately reflected in your own words. Transcriptions will not include names to protect participant confidentiality. Zoom audio recordings will be encrypted and stored on UBC's licensed zoom drive server. UBC's zoom drive server are hosted in Canada and meet Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) requirements.

Is there an honorarium for participating?

Your time is valuable, and your insights are important to this research. We would like to thank you for your participation with a \$100 honorarium that you will receive via e-transfer at the time of the workshop.

How is this project funded?

This study has received a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) grant through the Balanced Supply of Housing research node at UBC (F2000516).

Can I withdraw from the study?

Your participation is voluntary, and you can choose to participate in this study or not. You can also withdraw at any time. If you choose not to participate in this study, there will be no loss of benefit. If you do not want to answer a specific question you do not need to, and you can withdraw from the study at any time.

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Contact for concerns about the rights of research subjects:

If you have any concerns or complaints about your rights as a research participant and/or your experiences while participating in this study, contact the Research Participant Complaint Line in the UBC Office of Research Ethics at 604-822-8598 or if long distance e-mail RSIL@ors.ubc.ca or call toll free 1-877-822-8598.

Oral Consent

By giving your oral consent, you confirm that:

1. You have read the information provided for this study as described herein.		Interviewer's initials
2. You agree to participate in this study.		Interviewer's initials
3. You agree to be audio recorded.		Interviewer's initials
4. You have been given a copy of this form.		Interviewer's initials

Date