

I(we) own the home

If you own your home either with your current partner or on your own we can help you figure out how to gain either temporary exclusive possession and/or long term possession of your home.

If you are married and/or live-together(have joint name of title), you need to consult a family lawyer and/or you will need to represent yourself and put in a court application to family court. If you fear your safety and that of your child and/or you fear your partner will not be able to be reached and may sell the assets you can you can apply for an EX-parte motion. Our legal advocates can assist you with how to find and understand the court applications.

A family court order that allows you short term exclusive possession order will allow you to stay in the home while you work out your legal separation and divorce. You will both be responsible for the payments on the property(mortgage and taxes) but you will be responsible for consumption based items like hydro and gas.

Checklist:

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1. Need Title of property (if you don't have it you can get a copy at City Hall-land registry office)	
2. Need copy of mortgage documents and payment schedule	
3. Need copy of up to date bank statements with mortgage info	
4. Need a tax statement for current year with a list of payments made	
5. You will need to go to family court for legal separation and ask for exclusive possession order(many times people also ask for a non-disposition of assets(means no one can dispose of any assets while proceedings is going on) and a restraining order.	

Second Stage Housing

Second Stage Housing is temporary housing available for up to one year. There are

one, two and three bedroom apartments and townhouses available throughout Hamilton. Your unit is fully furnished, your rent is subsidized (which means it will be calculated to be only 30% of your gross income each month), and you receive ongoing support by a professional social worker who will visit you at your new home. You may contact Interval House to obtain an application or call directly for further information.

Interval House of Hamilton: Real Choices Program 905-387-9959 905-387-9959

Phoenix Place 905-527-2238 905-527-2238

Good Shepherd Women's Services: Second Stage 905-523-8895 905-523-8895

If you have your own furniture and do not have a place to store it, you may not want to apply for Second Stage Housing. You may apply for other types of subsidized housing through Access to Housing (ATH) and Fengate Property Management.

Subsidized Housing

Access to Housing (ATH) is made up of various housing providers that work together to make it easy to apply for subsidized housing in Hamilton. When you apply, you will be given a Building Selection Form that lists all the housing available in Hamilton, noting their areas and addresses. We recommend that you choose as many places as possible to reduce your wait time.

The waiting list is broken into different areas:

Priority Status

Priority Status is special consideration given when your personal safety or the safety of another household member is at risk because of abuse by someone you live with or have lived with in the last 6 months. It is given to help you separate from your abuser. To obtain priority status, you are required to submit a Special Priority Verification Form, letter of verification filled in by a community professional (doctor, social worker, pastor, shelter worker, etc.) and verification of co-residency. This waiting list is the quickest, but there is no guarantee about how long you will be waiting.

Urgent Status

Urgent Status is granted when your personal safety is significantly at risk and all your legal interventions have been exhausted. If someone has been abusing you (or a member of your household family) but you have never lived with that abusive person, or it has been longer than 6 months since you lived together, and your personal safety is at risk, then you may qualify for Urgent Status.

Homeless Status

Homeless Status is special consideration given to people who are homeless, including people who are living in temporary or emergency housing.

Regular Waiting List

Terminal Illness Status

For further information contact:

Access to Housing

499 King Street East,
Hamilton, ON L8E 1E1

Phone: 905-524-2228 905-524-2228

Or visit [My Hamilton](#) online

Housing Help Centre

210 Napier Street

Hamilton, Ontario

L8R 1S7

Phone: 905-526-8100 905-526-8100

You can also obtain further information, applications, and assistance at Interval House of Hamilton.

Private Rental Housing

Visit [Stoney Creek Housing](#) for private rental listings in your area.