

Changes to the

Police Information Check Policy

Effective November 1, 2016, Capital Region Housing (CRH) ***will no longer require Police Information Checks.***

WHY THE CHANGE

Previously, Capital Region Housing required all prospective tenants to submit a Police Information Check before being accepted as a tenant. CRH conducted a review of this policy in summer 2016 and has decided to no longer require a Police Information Check.

This decision was made based on the following considerations:

- ❖ Most housing providers in Canada do not conduct Police Information Checks or Criminal Record Checks
- ❖ The Police Information Check requirement was found to be a deterrent to applying even if the applicant would have passed the criteria set out in the previous policy
- ❖ The use of checks would have a disproportionate effect on populations who most need the services of Capital Region Housing

NEW POLICY

Capital Region Housing remains committed to providing safe and secure housing accommodation and will continue to be part of the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. Tenants will continue to sign the Crime Free Multi-Housing addendum.

Additionally, all applicants for housing will be checked against the High Risk Offender List available on the Justice and Solicitor General's website. CRH will not provide housing in CRH properties to those on the High Risk Offender List. They will however remain eligible for rent subsidies.

To read the full report, visit www.crhc.ca