

Working to Solve Homelessness:

Seniors Services Society Outreach Program



How do older adults end up homeless? A minor stroke can go unnoticed, but result in an older adult forgetting to pay their rent or file their taxes. This can lead to eviction or the loss of benefits.

Every month the Seniors Services Society, based in New Westminster, responds to over 200 requests for information about housing in the Lower Mainland. These inquiries include calls from citizens and professionals concerned about their neighbour's or client's housing situation.

An experienced team of intake and outreach workers are involved in supporting older adults with housing issues throughout the Metro Vancouver region, except in the Downtown Eastside. This work is sometimes urgent. Finding appropriate housing takes time and there are no shelters for older adults.

Each older adult's situation is assessed on an individual basis. An outreach worker meets with the older adult and works one-on-one to ensure the older adult first has access to safe housing. This approach also allows the outreach workers to find out if the adult has any health, income, or other concerns which can then be referred to the appropriate agency or authority.

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