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## Hastings County Social Housing Registry Application for Special Priority Status

The household member making the request for Special Priority must inform Hastings County Housing Services of the way in which they would like to receive information relating to their request for Special Priority. The following information will be kept confidential and used only for the purpose of assessing eligibility for Special Priority Status.

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#### **Definitions**

#### Abuse

means, with respect to a member of a household,

(a) any of the following done against the member,

- (i) one or more incidents of,
- (A) physical or sexual violence,
- (B) controlling behaviour, or
- (C) intentional destruction of or intentional injury to property, or

(D) words, actions or gestures that threaten the member or lead the member to fear for his or her safety

#### Trafficking

means, with respect to a member of a household, one or more incidents of recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of the member by improper means, including force, abduction, fraud, coercion, deception and repeated provision of a controlled substance, for an illegal purpose, including sexual exploitation or forced labor.

### **Application for Special Priority Status**

This request for inclusion in the Special Priority Household Category is being made because:		
$\Box$ the household member is being or has been abused by another individual $\Box$ the household member is being or has been trafficked by another individual		
Relationship to Applicant:		
<ul> <li>Spouse </li> <li>Parent </li> <li>Child </li> <li>Other Relative</li> <li>Individual who is sponsoring a member of the household as an immigrant</li> <li>Individual who is or has trafficked a member of the household</li> <li>Other (explain):</li></ul>		
The applicant declares that:		
$\Box$ the household member is being or has been abused by this individual.		
<ul> <li>the household member is currently living with the abuser.</li> <li>the household member has not lived with the abuser since Date:</li></ul>		
<ul> <li>the household member is currently being trafficked by this individual.</li> <li>the household member has not been trafficked since Date:</li></ul>		
If the household member has not lived with the abuser or been trafficked in the past 3 months, please indicate why a request for Special Priority Status has not been completed until now?		
Applicant Declaration Statement:		
$\Box$ I intend to permanently live apart from the abuser/trafficker.		

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*This section must be completed by a doctor, a registered nurse or a registered practical nurse, a lawyer, a law enforcement officer, a minister of religion authorized under provincial law to perform marriages, a teacher, a guidance counsellor, an individual in a managerial or administrative position with a housing provider or an individual employed by an agency or organization to provide social support services in the community.

The applicant meets the following indicators of abuse:

- $\Box$  a record of intervention by the police indicating that a member was abused by the abusing individual.
- $\Box$  a record of physical injury caused to a member by the abusing individual.
- □ A record of the application of force by the abusing individual against a member to force a member to engage in sexual activity against his or her will.
- $\Box$  a record of one or more attempts to kill a member of the household.
- $\square$  a record of the use of a weapon against a member or of the household.
- $\hfill\square$  a record of one or more incidents of abuse, including the following:
  - Threatening to kill a member of the household.
  - Threatening to use a weapon against a member of the household.
  - Threatening to physically harm a member of the household.
  - Destroying or injuring or threatening to destroy or injure a member's property.
  - Intentionally killing or injuring pets or threatening to kill or injure pets.
  - Threatening to harm or remove a member's children from the household.
  - Threatening to prevent a member from having access to his or her children.
  - Forcing a member to perform degrading or humiliating acts.
  - Terrorizing a member.
  - Enforcing social isolation upon a member.
  - Failing to provide or withholding the necessities of life.
  - Threatening to withdraw from sponsoring a member as an immigrant.
  - Threatening to take action that might lead to a member being deported.
  - Other words, actions, or gestures that threaten a member or lead a member to fear for his or her safety.

 $\hfill\square$  a record of undue or unwarranted control by the abusing individual over a member's

- Personal or financial activities.
- $\hfill\square$  a record of one or more incidents of stalking or harassing behaviour against a member.
- $\hfill\square$  a record of a member being trafficked

I declare that the above individual is a victim of domestic violence and meets the eligibility criteria for Priority Status based on Hastings County's policy.

Name:	Position/Title:
Organization:	_ Telephone:
Address:	
Signature:	_ Date: