

Extreme Heat and Wildfire Smoke Response Plan Organizational Assessment

		Does my organization have this component in place?			
Components of a Response Plan		Yes	Unsure	No	Notes
1.	Staff training plan Site staff, including building managers and any other employees who have direct contact with the tenants are aware of the health impacts of extreme heat.				
2.	Internal communications and roles chart Your organization has established a notification process from director/s to managers to site staff, that is activated when Environment and Climate Change Canada publishes a Special Weather Statement or Alert related to extreme heat or wildfire smoke.				
3.	Tenant vulnerability assessment and wellness check plan While all people are at risk during extreme heat events, you have identified tenants with specific risk factors (if known) to help prioritize wellness checks and additional support.				
4.	On-site cooling options identification You have identified on-site cooling rooms or outdoor cooling spaces, which can play an important role in providing tenant comfort and protection from heat-related illness. If you do not have an appropriate space, you know of cooling spaces in your community.				
5.	Equipment and supplies inventory You have an inventory of portable air conditioners, fans and other supplies before the summer to ensure they are available when needed. Equipment is in good working order.				
6.	Tenant communication plan You have identified the most effective ways to share information with tenants and have a plan in place.				
7.	Activities checklists for "typical" or low to medium risk temperatures and "Extreme" or high to very high-risk temperatures You have a checklist to complete during either an extreme heat event or during 'typical' summer temperatures.				

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