

EMERGENCY SHELTER INFORMATION

CRIDGE TRANSITION HOUSE

(For women and children escaping an abusive partner)

Phone: 250-479-3963

Website: <https://cridge.org/cthw/>

VICTORIA WOMEN'S TRANSITION HOUSE

(For women and children escaping an abusive partner)

Phone: 250-385-6611 (Crisis 24 hour)

Website: <http://www.transitionhouse.net/>

SOOKE TRANSITION HOUSE

(For women and children escaping an abusive partner)

Phone: 250-642-2591

Emergency Pager: 250-480-5461

Website: <http://sooketransitionhouse.society.com/>

SANDY MERRIMAN HOUSE

(For homeless/ at risk women. No children permitted)

Phone: 250-480-1408

Website: <https://coolaid.org/our-service/homes2/shelter/sandy-merriman/>

ROCK BAY LANDING

(No children permitted)

Phone: 250-383-1951

Website: <https://coolaid.org/our-service/homes2/shelter/rock-bay/>

SALVATION ARMY ARC

(Men only)

Phone: 250-384-3396

Website: <http://www.victoriaarc.or/emergencysHELTER.html>

EMERGENCY EATHER PROTOCOL

(Late Fall-Early Spring. Weather must be below 1C)

Various Locations (Including VNFC)

Website: <http://vewp.net>



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Homeless Outreach Worker Program



Victoria Native Friendship Centre

*Over 45 year of
dedicated service to
Greater Victoria
Communities*

HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Aboriginal Homeless Outreach Program directly engages Indigenous individuals and families who are homeless and offers assistance in the following ways:

- ◆ **Please note VNFC does not have resources to help individuals look for Housing.**
- ◆ Connecting to community resources such as income assistance, rental assistance and subsidizing housing.
- ◆ Advocacy related to tenancy and assistance in applying for dispute resolutions.
- ◆ Advocating for individuals and families with landlords, property managers hotel managers and others as required.
- ◆ Assistance with the Disputes Resolution process with the Residential Tenancy Office.

In order to access a Homeless Outreach Worker you must be referred either through a VNFC worker or you must go through our Intake Office (9am—10:45am or 2:30pm—3:45pm) at the Victoria Native Friendship Centre. No drop ins, appointments are made directly with Homeless Outreach Workers.



STEPS TO FINDING HOUSING

- ◆ Create a short term plan and a long term plan. Motels, transition houses and temporary accommodations can give you time to search for permanent housing. Make sure that you have applied to BC Housing and M'akola Housing, if you qualify.
- ◆ Make phone calls everyday and use resources available. Look online and in the newspaper for new apartment & housing listings.
- ◆ Ensure that you have enough for a damage deposit and know where your first month's rent will come from. Income Assistance can sometimes help with a damage deposit. And if you do, you must re-pay this by deducting \$20 from your support portion.
- ◆ Be on time for appointments and showings. Ask a lot of question. Find out if utilities are included or not. Make sure all agreements on utilities, laundry, rent etc. are included in your rental agreement.
- ◆ Don't be afraid to follow up if you haven't heard back from a landlord. This shows that you are interested in the place.

HOUSING RESOURCES

CRAIGSLIST:

<http://victoria.craigslist.ca/search/apa>

USED VICTORIA:

<http://www.usedvictoria.com/classifieds/>
Real-estate-rentals

KIJJI:

<Http://www.kijiji.ca/b-real-estate/victoria-bc/c3411700173>

SUBSIDIZING HOUSING

THE HOUSING REGISTRY:

<http://www.bchousing.org/applicants/apply>

M'AKOLA HOUSING SOCIETY

(Families of First Nation Ancestry only)

<https://www.makola.bc.ca>

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

- ◆ You have the right not to be evicted, harassed or refused tenancy by a landlord based on what you look like (race), whether you have children, an addiction or are on Income Assistance or Disability.
- ◆ You have a right to have your damage deposit returned to you when you move. An inspection must occur at the beginning of tenancy and at the end. You must give your new address to receive your damage deposit.
- ◆ You have a right to proper notice if you are to be evicted. You have the right to fight that eviction notice. The eviction notice must be served.