



Housing for the Aged Action Group

The human right to adequate housing, which is thus derived from the right to an adequate standard of living, is of central importance for the enjoyment of all economic, social and cultural rights. "

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OLDER PERSONS' HOUSING MANIFESTO

Secure

Older persons have the right to security of tenure

All older persons must be able to access housing that allows them a lifetime tenancy and to 'age in place'.

Affordable

Older persons have the right to accommodation without housing stress.

Older low-income tenants must not have to pay more than 25% of their base income in rent or fees.

Accessible

Older persons have the right to housing that meets Universal Design Standards, is well maintained and adaptable as a person ages.

Older person's accommodation must be adaptable to optimize mobility.

Connected

Older persons have the right to live in housing that is in supportive communities, close to services and public transport.

Housing for older persons must be available throughout all urban and rural areas. It must be close to public transport, linked to appropriate aged care and other services to allow older people to remain safe, active, independent and socially connected.

Accountable

Older persons have the right to information about the laws, contracts and policies that affect their housing.

Housing providers must ensure they provide publicly available, clear and transparent information.

Participatory

Older persons have the right to contribute to the development of legislation, policy and procedures that effect their housing conditions.

Older persons have the right to meet on site to discuss accommodation issues and to secure representation to assist them if needed.

Available

Older persons have the right to access a range of housing options and accommodation types that can be obtained within a reasonable period.

All older persons have a range of needs and preferences in their housing and to a place in the community and this diversity must be widely available

Inclusive

Older people have the right to access suitable housing regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender or disability.

Older persons must be shown equal opportunity and have the right to be free from discrimination and harassment.