

## Housing and Shelter:

- Everyone needs housing and shelter.
- Transition housing can help temporarily, but it is important to make a plan for the future.

Resource	Services	Good to Know
<b>Emergency Shelter Referral</b> 211		
<b>Tri-City Transitions Society</b> tricitytransitions.com 604-941-7111	Transition house (temporary short-term emergency shelter) and second stage housing (longer stay temporary shelter) for women and their children who are seeking safety from family violence in Tri-Cities area.	
<b>BC Housing</b> bchousing.org 604-433-1711 1-866-465-6873	BC Housing is the crown corporation that provides government-subsidized housing in the province, including transition housing, emergency shelters, subsidized housing and rental assistance.	Special housing programs are available for women at risk of violence and for parents with dependent children.
<b>YWCA Como Lake Gardens</b> ywcavan.org	A YWCA housing community for single mothers with 2- and 3-bedroom apartments, a communal garden, a play area and a common room. Priority is given to Coquitlam residents.	The YWCA accepts waitlist applications when there are no vacancies. See the website for eligibility and application information.
<b>Hope for Freedom Society</b> hopeforfreedom.org 604-464-0472 (women's office)	Faith-based housing, food, and addiction programs in the Tri-Cities area. Homeless outreach.	
<b>Seniors Services Society</b> seniorsservicessociety.ca 604-520-6621	Housing counselling and temporary housing program for seniors 55+ or those close to 55 with a disability living in BC.	BC Housing's SAFER program (Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters) also provides assistance with housing costs for seniors.
<b>Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre (TRAC)</b> tenants.bc.ca 604-255-0546	Education and information on tenants' rights online and by phone.	In some circumstances, TRAC may provide representation in landlord/tenant disputes and Residential Tenancy Branch dispute resolution processes.