

Eviction Prevention Worksheet

1. What is the issue that you and/or your client are struggling with?
2. Is this issue literally endangering the person's housing acquisition or retention right now? Or is this an attempt at early intervention? How do you know this? (Is there an official warning from the Landlord or some other regulatory or oversight party?)
3. Is this issue acutely compromising the CURRENT safety and wellbeing of the person? Do THEY perceive / affirm this for themselves? How might you determine if / when the situation is worsening?
4. What are rules, policies, or your own or others' behavior that are escalating this problem or making it worse?
5. What sorts of emergencies or crises might be associated with or spring from this issue? How might you plan for and/or prevent those now?
6. What survival functions, needs, or harm reduction aims does it seem the person is addressing with the behaviors or situations that concern you? (For example, conserving their resources by not using their money for rent, addressing their sensory or pain management needs, etc.) How might you help them meet their needs in a safer way?

7. How is the person already reducing or attempting to reduce harm in their life?

8. What are some incremental improvements you might be able to negotiate with the client / Landlord?

9. What are some harm reduction strategies you can support the client in trying?

10. How might you reduce harm even if the person doesn't want to change anything?

11. Are there any kinds of supplies, gear, equipment, tools or resources that might help preserve the client's safety and housing?

12. What sorts of training or resources do you need to help come up with solutions?

13. Who are other stakeholders you could brainstorm with or get support from? (Family or friends, or other service providers or supporters of the client, with their consent? Coordinated Entry staff or other regional staffers?) Can you engage in case consultation with your supervisor, coworkers, or others in the region?

14. What are next steps in your plan?