



Make your rent more affordable

Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters (SAFER)

This program provides eligible seniors help with their monthly rent. Full program details at bchousing.org/SAFER

Step 1: Do you qualify for help?

You **may be eligible** for the program if you meet all of the following criteria:

- ➔ You are age 60 or older
- ➔ You have lived in BC for the full 12 months before your application
- ➔ You and your spouse meet the citizenship requirements
- ➔ Applicants must permanently live in BC when applying
- ➔ You pay more than 30 percent of your gross (before tax) monthly household income towards rent (includes the cost of pad rental)
- ➔ You do not receive income or disability help through:
 - the B.C. *Employment and Assistance Act*
 - or the *Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act*

The next step is to complete and application form.

Step 2: How to apply

You can get an application form three ways:

1. **Download:** The application form at bchousing.org/SAFER
2. **By Mail:** Request the application form by calling 604-433-2218 or 1-800-257-7756
3. **In Person:** Go to your nearest **BC Housing office** during office hours

Step 3: Gather supporting documents

Include supporting documents with your completed application. Please **do not include any original documents**, only copies.

Documents include:

- Proof of income (tax return or permission for Canada Revenue Agency to share information with BC Housing)
- Proof of Age
- Proof of Rent
- Bank Information (void cheque or direct deposit form)

Find a document checklist at bchousing.org/SAFER. All information collected is kept confidential.

Step 4: Submit your application

You can submit your application in the following ways:

- ➔ **Upload:** Scan your documents using our **Program Upload Form** at bchousing.org/PUF
- ➔ **In Person:** Drop off at a BC Housing Office or via mail slot
- ➔ **By fax:** 604-439-4729
- ➔ **By Mail:**
 - 📍 **Shelter Aid For Elderly Renters Program**, BC Housing, 101-4555 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC, V5H 4V8

Once we process your application, we will notify you by mail.

Keep us up to date

Please notify us if there are any changes to your income, the number of people living with you, rent increases, or if you move.

- ➔ **Phone:** 604-433-2218
- ➔ **Toll-free:** 1-800-257-7756
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday (excluding holidays)

