

POLICY-PROCEDURE MANUAL

**TITLE: TEMPORARY OVERNIGHT SHELTER REMOVAL POLICY
Policy T-20**

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OBJECTIVE

The District of Kitimat recognizes the need to address areas where temporary overnight shelter occurs in a way that ensures the safety of the persons within the temporary shelter area and the community at large in a manner that is empathetic to the experiences of the persons within the temporary shelter area.

The District of Kitimat recognizes that persons experiencing homelessness are not only faced with the availability of a limited supply of appropriate housing but may also be persons living with mental illness and/or persons with a substance use or alcohol use disorder.

PROCEDURE

Where a temporary overnight shelter in the District of Kitimat is identified, the District will consider the following in determining its actions when removing:

- 1) issues related to the health and safety of the persons living within the temporary shelter area; and
- 2) issues related to the health and safety of the community at large, including fire risk, risk of injury, and environmental impacts.

Where no immediate health and safety risk to the persons living within the temporary shelter area or the community at large are identified, the District of Kitimat will contact local agencies such as law enforcement, agencies supporting persons living with mental illness and/or persons with a substance use or alcohol use disorders, and agencies providing housing supports to assist the persons affected by the removal of the temporary shelter area.