

## **Asbestos Notice**

Dear Resident,

A new regulation has come into effect in Ontario which requires all property owners to identify any material in buildings which contain or may contain asbestos, and to notify their tenants. The purpose of the regulation is to protect workers and occupants when renovations or major repairs are done in homes, apartments, or commercial space. This notice meets the requirements of the new regulation. Precautions are required before the relevant building materials are drilled, ground, broken, cut, vibrated, or sanded.

You should not be alarmed or surprised to find out that some materials in your building may contain asbestos. **Such building material is commonly found in most owner-occupied homes, rental buildings, schools, universities, hospitals, government facilities, offices, and work places in Ontario.**

Building materials in your rental suite which may be subject to precautions (because they contain or may contain limited amounts of asbestos) include the following: vinyl floor tiles, drywall joint compound in the drywalls, stucco wall plaster, ceiling stipple and ceiling tiles. Those materials are all non-friable, in other words, they do not crumble under hand pressure.

**Medical experts agree that non-friable asbestos containing materials pose absolutely no health risk unless they are being ground, sanded, or otherwise worked on. In fact, Health Canada says, “asbestos fibre concentrations in the air in buildings are usually about the same as in the air outside.”**

During any repairs or renovations, we will take the necessary precautions to protect the repair workers, and to protect you, the occupant. To comply with your tenancy agreement, you must not make alterations or repairs to your rental suite without our written consent. Any request for consent should be made to our office in writing.

Since we take your safety and compliance with the law very seriously, we are pleased to inform you that we are in full compliance with the new building material regulations.