

This page provides an overview of Ontario municipalities where publicly accessible shelter standards, guidelines, or related policies were identified. The information is based on publicly available documents and resources and may not capture internal policies, funding agreements, or operational standards that are not publicly posted. If your municipality is not included, it may be because shelter standards do not exist or are not publicly accessible. If you would like assistance locating or accessing additional policies or standards, please contact the HIV Legal Network at info@hivlegalnetwork.ca.

Municipality	Standards	Shelters must implement a harm reduction approach	Shelters must be accessible to people who use drugs	Shelters will call police in response to drug use or possession	Shelters must be accessible to gender-diverse participants	Shelters must be accessible regardless of immigration status
Ajax	Regional Municipality of Durham Shelter Standards	Yes	Inconsistent	Yes	Not specified	Not specified
Adjala-Tosorontio	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified
Barrie	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified
Bradford West Gwillimbury	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified
Brantford	Service Restriction Guidelines	Yes	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
Brock	Regional Municipality of Durham Shelter Standards	Yes	Inconsistent	Yes	Not specified	Not specified
Cambridge	Emergency Shelter Program Framework	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Not specified
Clarington	Regional Municipality of Durham Shelter Standards	Yes	Inconsistent	Yes	Not specified	Not specified
Clearview	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified
Collingwood	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified
Essa	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified

Hamilton	Hamilton's Emergency Shelter Standards	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Innisfil	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified
Kitchener	Emergency Shelter Program Framework	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Not specified
London	City of London Emergency Shelter Guidelines	No	Inconsistent	Yes	Yes	Not specified
Midland	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified
New Tecumseth	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified
North Dumfries	Emergency Shelter Program Framework	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Not specified
Oro-Medonte	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified
Oshawa	Regional Municipality of Durham Shelter Standards	Yes	Inconsistent	Yes	Not specified	Not specified
Ottawa	Ottawa Emergency Shelter Standards	Yes	No	Not specified	Yes	Not specified
Penetanguishene	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified
Pickering	Regional Municipality of Durham Shelter Standards	Yes	Inconsistent	Yes	Not specified	Not specified
Ramara	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified
Scugog	Regional Municipality of Durham Shelter Standards	Yes	Inconsistent	Yes	Not specified	Not specified
Severn	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified
Springwater	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified

Tay	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified
Tiny	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified
Toronto	Toronto Shelter Standards	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Uxbridge	Regional Municipality of Durham Shelter Standards	Yes	Inconsistent	Yes	Not specified	Not specified
Wasaga Beach	Homelessness Service Standards	Yes	Yes	Not specified	Yes	Not specified
Waterloo	Emergency Shelter Program Framework	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Not specified
Wellesley	Emergency Shelter Program Framework	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Not specified
Whitby	Regional Municipality of Durham Shelter Standards	Yes	Inconsistent	Yes	Not specified	Not specified
Wilmot	Emergency Shelter Program Framework	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Not specified
Woolwich	Emergency Shelter Program Framework	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Not specified