

COMMON GROUND PRINCIPLES

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QUALITY, PERMANENT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING

All tenants pay an affordable rent, usually a percentage of their income or a reduced market rent. All have the same rights and responsibilities as residents of any apartment building.

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A DIVERSE SOCIAL MIX

Common Ground buildings house a mix of formerly homeless people and low income tenants (for example, students or apprentices on low wages).

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COORDINATED ON-SITE SUPPORT AND TENANCY SERVICES

Services are located on-site, with links in the broader community, to assist tenants to maintain their tenancy and establish connections with their local communities.

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A SAFE, SECURE ENVIRONMENT

Safety and security are key elements in the design and management of Common Ground. Supportive housing services usually include an after-hours concierge service.

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SEPARATION OF SUPPORT AND TENANCY SERVICES

Common Ground buildings are managed and supported by two distinct and separate services.

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INTEGRATION WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Common Ground models aim to be good neighbours and to foster social inclusion within the area they are located.