



(Official complaint form on page 3 of this document)

**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION  
COMPLAINT POLICY  
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2004**

**Subject: Property Standards Enforcement**  
**Department: Building and Enforcement**  
**Lead Role: Chief Building Official & By-Law Enforcement Officer**

**A. Policy Statement**

- 1. The Property Standards By-Law will be enforced on a basis of written complaints, unless the Property Standards Officer is aware of an obvious unsafe condition warranting correction.**
- 2. The Property Standards Officer will not inspect the entire premises or suite, but will inspect only those items which are the subject of the written complaint.**
- 3. Notwithstanding item 2, the Property Standards Officer may inspect other areas or items believed to be unsafe.**
- 4. Where applicable, names of complainants shall not be revealed. The intent of this policy is to prevent the complainants(s) from being harassed or suffering retaliatory measures and to comply with the Freedom of Information and the Protection of Privacy Act requirements.**
- 5. Copies of petitions which refer to possible infractions of the Property Standards By-Law shall not be distributed to the general public unless the names and addresses of the petitioners are first deleted.**

**B. Filing of a Complaint**

**A complaint *must be in writing, dated and signed by the complainant*, and delivered to the Property Standards Officer or By-Law Enforcement Department Head.**

**The written complaint must include the following (where applicable):**

- 1. Location of incident or concern.**
- 2. Date incident or concern occurred.**
- 3. Name of property owner, where applicable.**
- 4. Details on incident or concern.**
- 5. Complainants name, address and phone number.**
- 6. Signature of complainant.**

**C. Time Frames**

- 1. The complaint will be reviewed by the Property Standards Officer and a copy will be given to the By-Law Enforcement Department Head.**
- 2. All written complaints will be dealt expediently, or as appropriate to the circumstances.**
- 3. A response will be provided when the complaint has been addressed.**



## OFFICIAL COMPLAINT FORM

**Complainant:**

Name:	Address:	
Phone Numbers: (mandatory)		

I hereby request an inspector to commence action under the appropriate By-law for the Township.

I hereby further declare that if required, I will provide or present evidence in support of this complaint at any hearings of Appeals Committee or Court of Law of Ontario.

Complainant's Signature:	Date:
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**Complaint Lodged against/Location of Complaint:**

Address:	Name:	
Phone Numbers (if available):		
Action Taken (if any):		
Date of Offence:	Time (if applicable):	
Nature of Complaint:		
Office Use Only: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> Subsequent    Inspectors Initials:		
Date Received:	Time:	
Date of Inspection:		
Notes:		