

FINAL INSPECTION REPORT Under the Retirement Homes Act, 2010

Inspection Information

Date of Inspection: June 28, 2016 | **Name of Inspector:** Mark Dennis

Inspection Type: Mandatory Reporting Inspection

Licensee: Empire Living Centre Inc. / 1673 Richmond Street, London, ON N6G 2N3 (the "Licensee")

Retirement Home: Empire Living Centre / 425 Fraser Street, North Bay, ON P1B 3X1 (the "home")

Licence Number: N0044

Purpose of Inspection

The RHRA received a report under section 75(1) of the Retirement Homes Act, 2010 (the "RHA").

NON-COMPLIANCE

1. The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA, S.O. 2010, c. 11, s. 67; Policy to promote zero tolerance.

Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):

<u>67. (4)</u> Without in any way restricting the generality of the duties described in subsections (1) and (2), the licensee shall ensure that there is a written policy to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents and shall ensure that the policy is complied with.

Inspection Finding

The Licensee failed to ensure the policy to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect was complied with. Specifically, the Licensee failed to ensure that the appropriate police force is immediately notified of any alleged, suspected or witnessed incident of abuse or neglect of a resident that the licensee suspects may constitute a criminal offence.

Outcome

The Licensee must take corrective action to achieve compliance.

2. The Licensee failed to comply with O. Reg. 166/11, s. 59; Procedure for complaints to licensee.

Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):

59. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that every written or verbal complaint made to the licensee or a staff member concerning the care of a resident or operation of the home is dealt with as follows:

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- 1. The complaint shall be investigated. If the complaint alleges harm or risk of harm to one or more residents, the investigation shall be commenced immediately.
- 2. The complaint shall be resolved if possible, and a response that complies with paragraph 4 provided within 10 business days of the receipt of the complaint.
- 3. For those complaints that cannot be investigated and resolved within 10 business days, an acknowledgement of receipt of the complaint shall be provided within 10 business days of receipt of the complaint, including the date by which the complainant can reasonably expect a resolution, and a follow-up response that complies with paragraph 4 shall be provided as soon as possible in the circumstances.
- 4. A response shall be made to the person who made the complaint, indicating,
 - i. what the licensee has done to resolve the complaint,

Inspection Finding

The Licensee did not immediately investigate a complaint that involved a risk of harm to a resident. Further, the Licensee did not resolve the complaint within 10 business days or provide an acknowledgment to the residents that the complaint could not be resolved within 10 business days. Furthermore, the Licensee has provided no response to the resident as required by legislation.

Outcome

The Licensee must take corrective action to achieve compliance.

3. The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA, S.O. 2010, c. 11, s. 67; Protection against abuse and neglect.

Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):

67. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall protect residents of the home from abuse by anyone.

Inspection Finding

The management of the home received complaints from residents that money and medication had been stolen from their rooms by unknown person(s). The complaints were never investigated by the home and no additional follow-up with the residents were provided as required by the home's zero tolerance of abuse and neglect policy, the homes complaints policy and by legislation. Another incident occurred 19 days later where a resident had her medication stolen a second time. The Licensee did not contact the police or investigate and failed to protect residents of the home from abuse.

Outcome

The Licensee must take corrective action to achieve compliance.

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NOTICE

The Final Inspection Report is being provided to the Licensee, the Registrar of the Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority (the "RHRA") and the home's Residents' Council, if any.

Section 55 of the RHA requires that the Final Inspection Report be posted in the home in a conspicuous and easily accessible location. In addition, the Licensee must ensure that copies of every Final Inspection Report from the previous two (2) years are made available in the Home, in an easily accessible location.

The Registrar's copy of the Final Inspection Report, as it appears here, will be included on the RHRA Public Register, available online at http://rhra.ca/en/register/

Signature of Inspector		Date
	MI -	August 24, 2016

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