

Conditions to be met for guaranteeing quality accommodation for Ukrainian households

1. The context

The National Crisis Centre has set up a platform referencing all the crisis accommodation facilities offered by citizens. Either the Region or the municipality is in charge of the control of the quality of housing.

However, given that this is a matter of voluntary hosting by private individuals in order to face a potentially significant flow of Ukrainian nationals, it is not about undertaking a healthiness investigation within the meaning of article 5 of the Walloon code on Sustainable Housing or of the Walloon Government decree of 30 August 2007 on minimum healthiness criteria. It is rather a matter of ensuring that the reception in the dwellings offered by private individuals will be done in a decent and safe manner and respecting human dignity.

In this respect, the dwellings that are currently under an uninhabitable order cannot be used for hosting Ukrainian nationals.

2. Accommodation

The visit of the dwelling is ideally done before the entry in the premises but can be done after the entry when the preliminary visit was not possible. The visit will be preceded by a contact with the owner in order to determine its modalities.

The visit can be carried out by an agent of the municipality, of the CPAS, of the police area, or of the rescue area, depending on the availability of personnel at local level.



If you have any questions about the conditions mentioned below, you can contact the Public Service of Wallonia - Territory, Accommodation, Heritage, Energy, via the following email address: salubrite.dlog.dgo4@spw.wallonie.be.

If during the visits, elements not mentioned below give rise to fears for the immediate safety of the occupants:

- Either the municipality has taken over the competence of "healthiness" within the meaning of article 5 of the Walloon Code on Sustainable Housing and can then initiate a healthiness investigation via its authorized investigators;
- Or the municipality has not taken over the competence for "healthiness" within the meaning of article 5 of the Walloon Code on Sustainable Housing and can contact the PSW via the e-mail address salubrite.dlog.dgo4@spw.wallonie.be to request a **healthiness investigation**

If the time limit for carrying out the investigation does not allow the safety of the occupants to be guaranteed within a reasonable time, the municipality is invited to make an alternative housing proposal, either by granting an available dwelling belonging to it or by using the "housing tool" set up by the National Crisis Centre or via any other housing offer.

Minimum requirements for the dwelling or part of it

The dwelling must have the following facilities:

- ❖ A toilet allowing for the respect of intimacy
 - ❖ A shower or a bathtub with hot water allowing for the respect of the intimacy
 - ❖ A kitchen sink
 - ❖ A fixed heating system in the dwelling
- ⊗ The building in which the dwelling/part of the dwelling is located must NOT be deficient in terms of stability (no obvious major cracks or fissures) and obvious waterproofing (no water infiltration in the roof, walls and frames).
 - ⊗ Walls and ceilings must **NOT** be obviously damp and must be free of mould.



The dwelling must not present any obvious safety problems for the occupants!

The rooms and premises for private use should ideally be lockable by their occupants in order to respect their privacy, which must be guaranteed



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