

In **Alberta**, a **Community Safety Order** is a court order issued under the **Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act** that requires individuals to stop specific illegal activities on a property and may order them to vacate the premises. This legislation holds property owners accountable for regularly occurring activities that threaten community safety, such as the **illegal sale of alcohol or drugs, illegal gambling, or prostitution**.

Key features of a Community Safety Order in Alberta include:

- **Prohibitions:** It enjoins all persons from causing, contributing to, or permitting the specified illegal activities on the property.
- **Vacate and Terminate:** The order may require all persons to leave the property by a specified date, prohibit them from re-entering, and terminate any existing tenancy agreements or leases.
- **Property Closure:** The court may order the property to be closed for use for up to **90 days** and give the owner possession of the property.
- **Caveats:** The Director of Law Enforcement may register a caveat against the property's title to ensure the order is noted on the land registry.
- **Enforcement:** Violating the order can result in significant fines and imprisonment, and the Act takes priority over the *Residential Tenancies Act* in case of conflict.

Complaints regarding activities that adversely affect a neighbourhood can be made to the **Director of Law Enforcement** (or Public Safety Investigation Unit), who has the authority to investigate and apply for these orders if the activities are regular and pose a health, safety, or security concern.