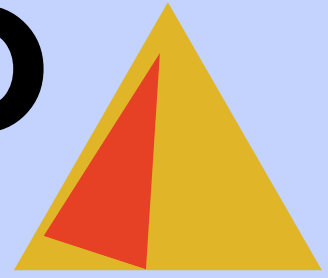
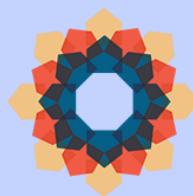


WHAT TO DO

If someone experiencing homelessness is sheltering in your building entrance or yard



- **People experiencing homelessness face a wide range of stereotypes and stigma that do not always reflect reality. Do not assume the person:**
 - **is dangerous:** people experiencing homelessness are far more likely to be victims of violence than to perpetrate it
 - **is intoxicated:** behaviour you might identify as intoxication could be a symptom of hypothermia, stroke, disability or mental health crisis
 - **has somewhere safe to go:** nobody chooses to live without shelter, unless their other options seem even less safe to them
- **If the person is awake, say hi. Ask if they need anything:** let them know you'll be calling outreach workers to pay a visit
- **Call Main Street Project Outreach: 204-232-5217**
- **If a person is in danger due to a medical or safety crisis, call 911**
- **Giving things like food, water, socks or money is OK** if you feel comfortable and the person accepts an offer
- **Inviting the person inside (as with any stranger) is discouraged,** for your safety and theirs
- **To offer info on other resources:** check 211, HelpSeeker or the Winnipeg Outreach Network Resource Guide
- **Be safe, be kind, be well**



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