

Fact Sheet

Campaign Access to Multi-unit Buildings (CAMB) Policy

What is the CAMB Policy?

In Nova Scotia, registered candidates and candidate's representatives have the right to access the entrance doors to multi-unit buildings (aside from university and college residences and long-term care centres) to lawfully campaign during an election. The CAMB policy clarifies the explicit authority that the *Elections Act* gives them to do so, and the associated responsibilities attached.

How it Works

- Registered candidates and their representatives are allowed access to multi-unit buildings for the purpose of campaigning door-to-door during an electoral event.
 - They are responsible for contacting the landlord directly if they have difficulty accessing a multi-unit building.
 - They provide the landlord with a copy of their letter from the CEO confirming their registration with ENS, or their candidate registration form (Form 1-1) as evidence of eligibility to gain access to any multi-unit building.
 - They are not allowed to campaign in a multi-unit building while active voting is taking place there.
- Landlords must provide access of their multi-unit building to registered candidates and their representatives, and not obstruct them from campaigning door-to-door.
- Tenants must not obstruct registered candidates and their representatives from entering multi-unit buildings for the purpose of door-to-door campaigning.
- Elections Nova Scotia may assist registered candidates and their representatives in contacting local law enforcement if necessary, to enforce the CAMB policy.

The type of multi-unit buildings candidates/their representatives can access are:

- Apartment buildings
- Condominium complexes
- Residential centers
- Other residential complexes (except university and college residences and long-term care centres)

References: For more information or to view the policy, visit: electionsnovascotia.ca

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Please see the frequently asked questions included with this fact sheet.

Frequently Asked Questions

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Question: When can candidates and their representatives access these buildings?

Answer: After the date of the writ, but not if active voting is happening in the building in question, for example if a mobile poll is taking place there.

Question: Will ENS get involved if a landlord or tenant obstructs a candidate or their representative from entering a multi-unit building?

Answer: ENS may work with the candidate or representative in question to contact the relevant law enforcement if the candidate/representative is kept from entering the building.

Question: Will law enforcement get involved if a landlord or tenant obstructs a candidate or their representative from entering a multi-unit building?

Answer: The police officers with jurisdiction in the electoral district are responsible for assisting with the enforcement of the *Act* and may get involved if necessary.

Question: Why are candidates and their representatives not allowed access to university and college residences and long-term care centres?

Answer: They are not allowed access to university and college residences and long-term care centres because each room is considered a bedroom rather than a front door to separate apartments. In this case, canvassing door-to-door would be an invasion of personal space.

Question: How do candidates or their representatives get access to a multi-unit building?

Answer: The candidate or their representative must contact the landlord directly to organize access to the building. ENS and election workers are not responsible for assisting candidates and their representatives to gain access to multi-unit buildings.

Question: What evidence will candidates and their representatives provide to landlords to prove their eligibility for entering multi-unit buildings?

Answer: The candidate or their representative can and should provide the landlord with a copy of their letter from the CEO confirming their registration with ENS, or their candidate registration form (Form 1-1). They may also present landlords with a copy of the CAMB Policy (available on electionsnovascotia.ca).