

New Strata Housing Website

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The Government of British Columbia has launched a new strata housing website

www.gov.bc.ca/strata: the main page

www2.gov.bc.ca/strata/finditfast one page with all the topics listed as clickable links

HELPFUL STARTING POINT

The website provides basic information about certain parts of the *Strata Property Act*, regulations and Standard Bylaws as a **helpful starting point** for strata owners, residents, and strata council members. While the focus is on strata housing, strata legislation applies to all strata corporations.

It is important to note that the website is not a substitute for getting legal advice; it does not provide a legal interpretation of the *Strata Property Act*, regulations, bylaws and rules or court cases and how the courts have interpreted the legislative framework.

NEW FEATURES

- ✓ The website uses more plain language and more examples.
- ✓ It has new content and expanded content including:
 - “*Changes to Legislation*”: changes to strata legislation and related legislation over the past five years.
 - “*Living in a Strata*”: how this differs from renting or owning a non-strata titled housing
 - “*Bylaws and Rules Explained*”
 - “*Repairs and Maintenance*” is its own section with nine subpages
 - “*Strata Insurance*”: new content!
 - “*Strata Property Managers*” content has been expanded with separate subpages on: “*Strata Management Services*”; “*Giving Direction and Resolving Concerns*”; “*Strata Management Contract*” and “*Licensing*”.
 - “*Buying and Selling Strata*” including “*First Time Strata Owners*”
- ✓ This site also provides links and references to other strata resources including VISOA.

For the convenience of users and stakeholders the 28 Strata Property Instructional Guides have been archived and are posted on the site. They will not be updated—current information will be on the website, not in the Guides.