

Is it discrimination? Take the cringe test.

The Cringe Test is a tool you can use to tell the difference between discrimination and a legitimate objection to supportive housing. If it sounds wrong when you say the same thing about a racial, ethnic or religious minority, then you know you've heard a discriminatory statement and this statement may go against the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Would you say?

This neighbourhood already has its fair share of people on welfare.

The homeless should be placed only on arterial roads.

This neighbourhood is just not suitable for vulnerable mentally ill people.

Welfare recipients lower property values and drain public services.

Houses for people with disabilities must be separated by 245 meters.

We deserve to be warned before people with mental illness move onto our street.

We are placing a moratorium on housing for low-income people while we study the impact on the area.

...If it makes you cringe to say?

This neighbourhood already has its fair share of Italians.

Australians should be placed only on arterial roads.

This neighbourhood is just not suitable for vulnerable left handed people.

Senior citizens lower property values and drain public services.

Houses for Catholics must be separated by 245 meters.

We deserve to be warned before gays and lesbians move onto our street.

We are placing a moratorium on housing for Greeks while we study the impact on the area.

Source: *PIVOT Equality Lifts Everyone*

Learn more about discrimination at the Ontario Human Rights Commission: www.ohrc.on.ca