



ILLEGAL LIVING ARRANGEMENTS



GARAGES

A garage conversion is illegal when the garage portion of a house is converted into living quarters without proper approval and permits. If approval for a garage conversion is given, a permit from the City of Ontario Building Department is required. **The State and City have developed safety standards for the following areas:**

- Safe electrical wiring
- Adequate plumbing
- Adequate ventilation and parking
- Minimum number of windows
- Minimum fire resistant materials

Specific information about safety requirements may be obtained from the City of Ontario Building Department. Failure to meet the safety standards could have health and safety risks, such as

- Dangerous fumes
- Risk of structure collapse
- Unsanitary conditions
- Fire hazard (due to faulty wiring)

MOTOR HOMES, TRAILERS, & CAMPERS

It is illegal to live in motor homes, trailers, and campers, except in a licensed trailer park. When people use these vehicles as permanent residences (eating and sleeping in these vehicles on a regular basis), it is considered an illegal living unit and is a code violation.

In addition, motor homes, trailers, and campers are not permitted to be connected to the City's water or sewer system. These systems may break down when they are overloaded and the health of residents may be at risk.

ONTARIO MUNICIPAL CODE

ONTARIO MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATIONS ARE ENFORCED IN ORDER FOR THE CITY TO MEET THE FOLLOWING GOALS:



Ensure safe living quarters for all residents



Provide safe neighborhoods for all residents



Efficiently respond to emergency situations



Efficiently furnish water & other services to all residents



Ensure adequate parking spaces for all residents