

101 CIVIL ENFORCEMENT POLICY

- 101.1 The maintenance of leased or rental habitations in violation of the provisions of this subtitle, where those violations constitute a danger to the health, welfare, or safety of the occupants, is declared to be a public nuisance.
- 101.2 The abatement of the public nuisances referred to in subsection 101.1 by criminal prosecution or by compulsory repair, condemnation, and demolition alone has been and continues to be inadequate.
- 101.3 The public nuisances referred to in subsection 101.1 additionally cause specific, immediate, irreparable and continuing harm to the occupants of these habitations.
- 101.4 The public nuisances referred to in subsection 101.1 damage the quality of life and the mental development and well-being of the occupants, as well as their physical health and personal property, and this harm cannot be fully compensated for by an action for damages, rescission or equitable set-off for the reduction in rental value of the premises.
- 101.5 It is the purpose of this section to declare expressly a public policy in favor of speedy abatement of the public nuisances referred to in subsection 101.1, if necessary, by preliminary and permanent injunction issued by Courts of competent jurisdiction.

SOURCE: The Housing Regulations of the District of Columbia, 5G DCRR § 2901, Commissioners' Order 55-1503 (August 11, 1955).