

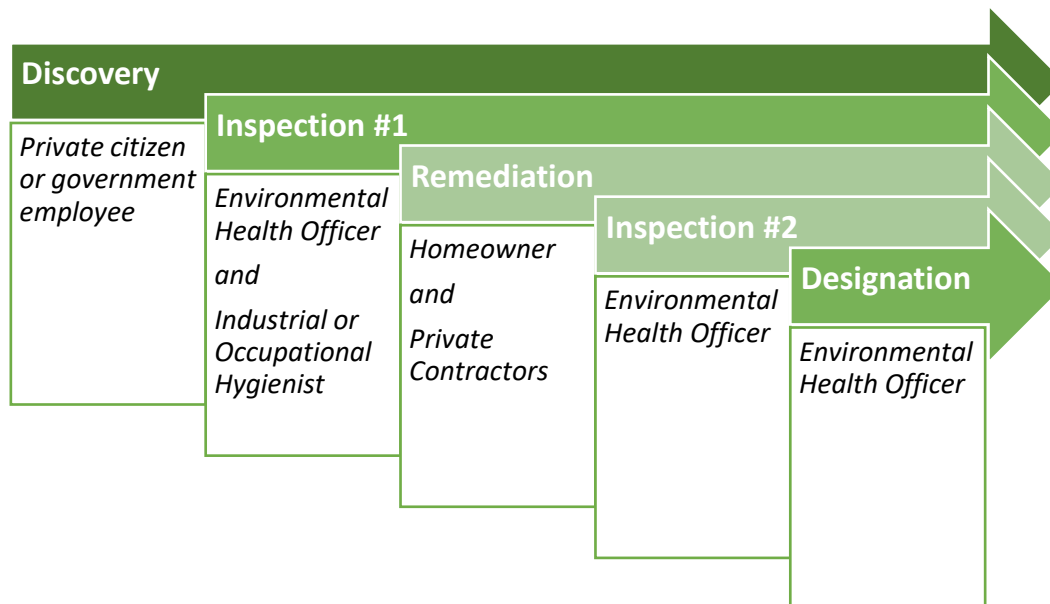


Ensuring Healthy Homes for British Columbians

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Considering the unique harms inflicted on homes used in the production of cannabis and synthetic drugs, a structured remediation process is essential to ensure such properties are effectively reintroduced into the housing market. Unfortunately, BC has no provincial policy framework.

Research conducted by the University of the Fraser Valley School of Criminology and Criminal Justice proposes a remediation process that takes a public health perspective and identifies roles and responsibilities for various stakeholders.



Stage	Description	Done by
D iscovery	Homes used for drug production are typically identified by self-reporting through application for a permit, through some sort of inspection, or by a neighbour. A report is made to the Ministry of Health.	Private citizen or government employee
I nspection #1	Qualified inspectors look for health hazards. If hazards exist, an order is issued to protect the public safety. Orders are publicly available, either through a website or on land titles.	Environmental Health Officer and Industrial or Occupational Hygienist
R emediation	Homeowners hire qualified contractors to bring the home up to healthy standards.	Homeowner and private contractors
I nspection #2	Provincial Environmental Health Officers inspect the home.	Environmental Health Officer
D esignation	Provincial Environmental Health Officers designate the home as fully remediated and healthy. All orders and land title notices are removed.	Environmental Health Officer