

Environmental Health

ABOUT THE COVER



Airbnb is the world's leading platform for peer-to-peer (P2P) short-term housing rentals. Airbnbs are typically used as an alternative to a stay in a hotel or other traditional hospitality offerings. This month's

cover article, "Assessing Potential Public Health Concerns in Airbnb Venues in Four Canadian Cities," examined the prevalence of important amenities relevant to public health such as smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, and first aid kits, as well as if smoking is allowed and if breakfast is served. The article found that many Airbnb venues in Canada have conditions that could pose a health risk to guests. These results highlight the need for government agencies to take into account public health concerns when regulating the P2P housing marketplace.

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