

Hard-to-find house needs upgrades

Jennifer Liboiron's Story

I have mental and physical disabilities. I was 7 months pregnant, with a 15-year-old a 10-year-old, and I was given 30 days to move because the owner wanted to sell the house. At the time I was in Kanata, Ontario. I could not find a 3-bedroom apartment. I looked for 20+ days at over 50 properties within the hour-long drive to my mother's house. I bought in Williamsburg. The cost was \$107,000; a Georgetown, Ontario, bank offered a mortgage at 15 7/8 percent interest.

My bathroom floor is weak and someone is going to fall through it. The electricity and plumbing need upgrades. We also need insulation in the attic as there isn't any. Then there's the question of making my kitchen accessible, as I'm aging and have physical demands. I am the sole caregiver for 2 grown autistic sons.