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# Displaced residents sue over explosion

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Residents of 3650 Kingston Rd., still displaced after an electrical explosion more than three weeks ago, say they are filing a class action suit against Toronto Hydro.

Dolly Andrews, who has been moved three times since the explosion, said she is glad residents are taking action.

"All [Toronto Hydro is] saying is a couple more weeks," Andrews said. "We had to get that from them because nobody would tell us anything."

The residents are suing Toronto Hydro and the builder in hopes of gaining compensation for the time and money they have lost due to the explosion.

They have served the defendants and will go before a judge to see if the action can be certified as a class action suit.

How much they might receive if they are successful depends on a number of factors, said Ted Charney, one of the lawyers representing the

emotional distress and the inconvenience of being displaced. Its an arbitrary figure that will have to be decided by the court."

The calculation also depends on how much longer residents are away from home.

According to Andrews, one good thing came out of the explosion.

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"It's great to see how we all just came together in this time," said Andrews.

"We never thought we were going to be away for so long."

Andrews still hasn't been told when she'll be able to move back home.

After staying at a community center for a few days, residents were told to contact their insurance companies. Andrews was told her policy would cover only her hotel stay for two weeks, she said.

She buys all of her meals because there isn't much place to store and cook food and still doesn't have all of her clothing from her apartment.

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