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Kingston Rd. blast residents take action

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Residents of 3650 Kingston Rd., still displaced after an electrical explosion weeks ago, left their building without power.

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 residents.

"It's a combination of emotional distress and the inconvenience of being displaced. It's 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.

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."

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

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

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