

## Lindsay Family Charged With Not Following Coronavirus Gathering Rules Speaks Out

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Bonnie and Pat McCabe

KAWARTHA LAKES-The family who was charged under the Reopening Ontario Act with not following Coronavirus gathering rules wants people to know, it could happen to you.

Cindy McCabe says her two sisters and one of the sisters boyfriends all ended up at their parents house in Lindsay at the same time. But it wasn't a big party. One sister is the primary caregiver and was there to bring her parents some food. The other arrived with her boyfriend to take down the outdoor Christmas lights. Someone called police.

"I want people to follow the rules but I feel this was heavy handed." Cindy McCabe told Kawartha 411 News. "It was immediate family members, no party. It was a little extreme they should have explained the rules to them and given them a warning."

Police say on January 10, 2021 at 1:17pm police officers were called to a residence in Lindsay in response to a complaint received that multiple individuals who did not live there were in attendance, not abiding by the COVID-19 safety regulations.

Officers attended and located multiple individuals inside who did not reside at the residence

according to police. The two daughters and the boyfriend were issued Provincial Offence Notices under section 10(1)(a) of the Reopening Ontario Act and fined \$880 each.

McCabe's parents are both in their 70's. She says they were confused and embarrassed when two police cars arrived at their house on a quiet, dead end road.

"The rules are confusing. Two police cars showed up. They told them no, you are not allowed to have people in your house and then they came back a second time to tell my mom and dad they are lucky they didn't get a ticket as well."

McCabe says her parents are shaken up and thought they were still allowed to have people in their "bubble" at their house and her mother would never tell her kids to stay outside.

"They are seniors we live in a seniors community and we are going to need to check on our parents, but I guess we can't." McCabe said. "If it can happen to us it can happen to anyone"

We have reached out to Kawartha Lakes Police Service for comment but have not heard back.

Meanwhile the government issued new rules again today. Click here for more: <https://www.kawartha411.ca/2021/01/12/province-issues-enforceable-stay-at-home-order-and-mask-order-as-state-of-emergency-declared-for-a-second-time/>

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