

FAIR HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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HOW ARE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROTECTED?

- Landlords are not allowed to ask if an applicant or tenant has a disability or illness, or ask for information about how severe it is, or to see medical records.
- After moving in, a person with a disability has the right to ask the landlord to make reasonable changes to rules, procedures or services to make it easier for them to use their home.
- Landlords must allow a person with a disability to make reasonable changes to their living unit at their own expense. If the landlord receives federal funding, they may have to pay for the changes.
- Multi-family housing built after 1991, must meet government requirements to make it accessible to people with disabilities.

EXAMPLES OF REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS:

- Having an assistance animal even though there is a no pet policy.
- Not paying a deposit or fee for an assistance animal.
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- Replacing door knobs with levers.
- Widening doorways for wheelchair use.
- Adding a wheelchair ramp to the front door.
- Installing grab bars in the bathroom.



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What can you do?

- Keep records of all documents – notes, notices, receipts, phone messages, contracts, letters, etc.
- Take pictures of the problem if you can.
- Get names and numbers of people involved.
- Get numbers – date of the incident, address where it happened, costs.
- Talk to neighbors – who else is experiencing this? Who saw it happen?

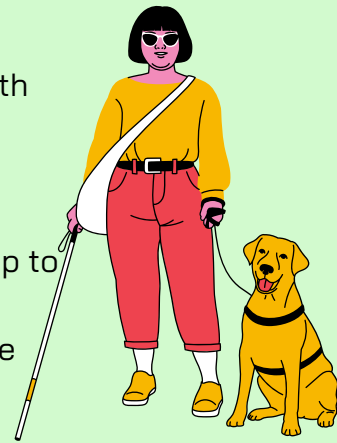
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