

**NOTICE OF TENANT'S RIGHTS UNDER  
SECTION 607 OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN  
AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005**

Federal Law requires Management to give notice of your rights under Section 607 of the Violence Against Women and the Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005. ("The Act").

For purposes of this notice, the following definitions apply:

- (a) "domestic violence" has the same meaning giving that term in Section 40002 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994;
- (b) the term "dating violence" has the same meaning giving that term in Section 40002 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994;
- (c) the term "stalking" means:
  - (i) to follow, pursue or repeatedly commit acts with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate; or
  - (ii) to place under surveillance with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person; and
  - (iii) in the course of, or as a result of, such following, pursuit, surveillance, or repeatedly committed acts, to place a person in reasonable fear of the death of, or serious bodily injury to, or to cause substantial emotional harm to that person, a member of the immediate family of that person, or the spouse or intimate partner of that person. The term "immediate family member" means, with respect to a person--
    - (A) a spouse, (brother or sister, or child) of that person, or an individual to whom that person stands in loco parentis; or
    - (B) any other person living in the household of that person and related to that person by blood or marriage.

Federal Law provides that Management shall not deny admission to any applicant on basis that the applicant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking if the applicant otherwise qualifies for assistance or admission.

The Act further provides that an incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking will not be construed as a serious or repeated violation of a lease by the victim or threatened victim of that violence and will not be good cause for terminating the tenancy or occupancy rights of the victim of such violence.

Furthermore, criminal activity directly relating to domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, engaged in by a member of Tenant's household or any guest(s) or other person under the Tenant's control, shall not be cause for termination of the tenancy or occupancy rights, if the Tenant or immediate member of the Tenant's family is a victim of that domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking; and provided that Management may bifurcate a lease in order to evict, remove, or terminate assistance to any individual who is a Tenant or lawful occupant and who engages in criminal acts of physical violence against family members or others, without evicting, removing, terminating assistance to, or otherwise penalizing the victim of such violence who is also a Tenant or lawful occupant.

The Act does not limit the Management's authority, when notified, to honor court orders addressing rights of access to or control of the property, including civil protection orders issued to protect the victim and issued to address the distribution of possession of property among the household members in cases where a family breaks up. Furthermore, the act does not limit the Management's authority to evict a Tenant for any violation of the lease not premised on the act or acts of violence in question against a Tenant or a member of the Tenant's household, provided that Management does not subject an individual who is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking to a more demanding standard than other tenants in determining whether to evict or terminate.



The Act does not limit Management's authority to terminate the tenancy of any Tenant if Management can demonstrate an actual and eminent threat to other tenants or those employed at or providing service to the property if that Tenant's tenancy is not terminated.

The Act does not supersede any provision of any federal, state, or local law that provides greater protection than this section for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

Management may request that an individual claiming the protection of the Act certify via HUD approved certification form that such individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, and that the incident or incidents in question are bona fide incidents of such actual or threatened abuse and meet the requirements set forth in the aforementioned paragraphs. The certification shall include the name of the perpetrator. The individual shall provide such certification within fourteen (14) business days after the public housing agency requests such certification.

If the individual does not provide the certification within fourteen (14) business days after the public housing agency has requested such certification in writing, in that circumstance, the Act does not limit the authority of Management to evict any tenant or lawful occupant that commits violations of the lease. Management may extend the fourteen (14) day deadline at its discretion.

An individual may satisfy the certification requirement by providing the requesting public housing agency with documentation signed by an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, or a medical professional, from whom the victim has sought assistance in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking or the effects of the abuse, in which the professional attests under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. §1746) to the professional's belief that the incident or incidents in question are bona fide incidents of abuse, and the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking has signed or attested to the documentation; or by producing a Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local police or court record.

The Act does not require Management to demand that an individual produce official documentation or physical proof of the individual status as a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking in order to receive any of the benefits of the Act. At Management's discretion, it may provide for benefits to an individual based solely on the individual statement or other collaborating evidence.

You should be aware that all information provided to Management (or other public housing agency) pursuant to the Act, including the fact that an individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, must be retained in confidence and shall neither be entered into any shared database nor provided to any related entity, except to the extent that disclosure is requested or consented to by the individual in writing or required for use in an eviction proceeding or otherwise required by applicable law.

This Notice is provided to you pursuant to the Act referenced above which requires that all public housing agencies must provide notice to tenants assisted under Section 6 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 of their right under the Act, including their right to confidentiality and the limits thereof.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Head of Household

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

