

## WHAT IF MY LANDLORD SAYS NO?

- If a landlord says 'No' to your request, seek legal assistance. An attorney or advocate can assist you in taking proper action for such violation.
- It is important that you do not move forward with any structural changes or violate any rules or policies prior to approval.



*"Your rent is due the first of the month and we will charge you a late fee, regardless of when you get your social security disability income."*

## IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

PLEASE CONTACT US AT:



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## FAIR HOUSING DISABILITY RIGHTS

REASONABLE  
ACCOMMODATIONS &  
MODIFICATIONS



## HAVE YOU EVER HEARD:

- “No Pets Allowed.” – Even though you have a special need for animal companion.
- “Your wheelchair won’t make it up these stairs.” – Even though a ramp could easily be installed.
- “We are not prepared to accommodate your disability.” – Even though you don't even have a disability.

## YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS & MODIFICATIONS

The federal Fair Housing Act (FHA) protects you from being denied housing when, due to a disability, a reasonable request to modify or accommodate your housing needs are properly made.

## WHEN RENTING A LANDLORD MUST:

- Acknowledge requests for reasonable modifications to policies and structures to accommodate a disability.
- Allow tenants to pay for reasonable alterations and reasonably request changes be reverted back to original form.
- Never advertise or limit the showing of a unit in a way that discriminates against a disability.



*“We can look into assigning you a closer parking space, but we’ll have to charge you an additional fee.”*

*“I’m going to have to charge you a pet application fee and deposit for your guide dog.”*



## WHAT IS A DISABILITY:

- Under Fair Housing, a disability is any physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.
- A ‘major life activity’ would be caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working.
- Being regarded as having such an impairment also qualifies.