



WHAT CAN A SOCIAL WORKER DO TO HELP?

If you wish to assist a patient who is at risk of losing their housing due to hospitalization, injury, or mental health concerns. The steps below can assist with a Reasonable Accommodation:

1. Prepare a letter connecting a direct nexus between the client's disability and the change in policy they are requesting and deliver it to Fair Housing Resource Center;
2. Provide a copy of the letter to the patients housing provider requesting the necessary accommodation.
3. If the housing provider refuses to accommodate your patient call Fair Housing right away and get a housing counselor involved.

DONT WAIT UNTIL **It's too late**

Contact Fair Housing Resource Center, Inc. at the first sign of a housing concern. Counselors can work with you to ensure that all patients have equal access to housing and are not penalized for unforeseeable circumstances.

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FAIR HOUSING FOR SOCIAL WORKERS



REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

Persons with disabilities have the right to request Reasonable Accommodations, which are requests by a tenant for an accommodation to the housing provider's regular rules, policies or procedures to enable that person to fully use and enjoy the dwelling such as allowing the use of a therapy assistance animal.



REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS

A person with a disability also has the right to request a Reasonable Modification, which is a request by a tenant for permission to make a physical change or modification to the property that enables the person to fully use and enjoy the dwelling such as a hand railing being installed or a doorway being widened for wheel chair access. Reasonable Modifications are made at the expense of the tenant, but must be permitted by a housing provider.

Many individuals within Northeast, Ohio lose their housing due to unforeseen circumstances such as; hospitalizations, injuries which result in extended stays in rehabilitation centers, mental health declines, admission to nursing homes and more.

Many of these situations can be prevented by requesting a reasonable accommodation. Accommodations range from requesting additional time to pay rent until a patient has been released from the hospital, breaking a lease agreement due to their long term rehabilitation in a rehab or allowing a live in aide to reside with a resident.

Calling a Fair Housing agency immediately at the sign of trouble is the best method to ensure your patient is not penalized.

WHEN TO CALL FAIR HOUSING



**Client is
being
hospitalized**

**Client has a
proposed
subsidy
termination**

**Having issues
or receiving
notices from
Landlord**



**Client is
experiencing
issues with the
Housing
Authority**

**Client is being
evicted for
something other
than
non-payment**



**Client is
being
discriminated
against**

**Call with any
housing
issue!**