



DISABILITY RIGHTS IN HOUSING

A disability is a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. People with disabilities have the right to request a reasonable accommodation or modification, under the Fair Housing Act.

WHAT IS A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION?

A reasonable accommodation is a change in the landlord's policy that would allow a person with a disability to fully use and enjoy their home. The landlord is responsible for any accommodation costs. Some examples of a reasonable accommodation:

- Allowing a tenant to move to a first floor unit because of mobility issues
- A reserved parking space
- Changes to the lease agreement

WHAT IS A REASONABLE MODIFICATION?

A reasonable modification is a change in the house or apartment that would allow the tenant to use the home safely. The tenant is almost always responsible for the cost of the modifications. Some examples of a reasonable modification:

- Grab bars in the bathroom
- A ramp installed at the entrance to the home
- Wider doorways that would allow for wheelchair access

HELP IS AVAILABLE!

If you need assistance with a landlord-tenant issue that doesn't involve financial assistance, or a Fair Housing issue, please visit our website. **If you need help with eviction, call 211 and ask for the Coordinated Eviction Prevention Intake.**

