

How to ask for an accommodation or modification?

After making a request, your landlord might ask you to provide **verification**.

First, you have to make sure what you're asking for is directly related to your disability.

You can ask at any time during your housing journey. This includes:

- At Application
- During Tenancy
- After receiving a notice
- During financing or homebuying

Verification can be a letter from a qualified individual, like a doctor or a therapist, to explain how the **Accommodation** or **Modification** can help.

See the Disability Guidebook for more about **verification**.

You can make your request **verbally** or in **writing**.

Remember that it's important to keep copies of your paperwork.

Your request should say:

1. What the barrier is
2. What you're asking for
3. How it helps with that barrier



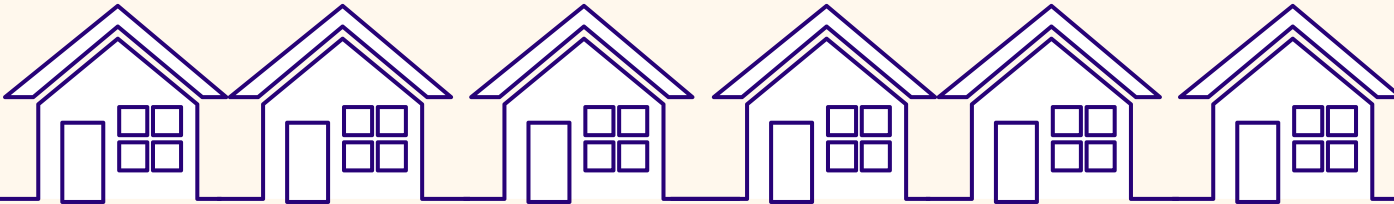
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Fair Housing Disability Rights

Reasonable Accommodations
and
Reasonable Modifications



The Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to discriminate against people with disabilities in housing.

Disability in Fair Housing is defined as a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, or a history of a disability.

Examples of Disability:

- Blindness or Deafness
- Autism
- Major Depressive Disorder
- Hearing Impairments
- Bi-Polar Disorder
- HIV



Anyone with a disability has the right to request a **Reasonable Accommodation** or **Reasonable Modification** to help with access and enjoyment in housing.

Reasonable Accommodations

A Reasonable Accommodation is a change or exception to a requirement, rule, or policy that helps remove a barrier related to disability.

Here are some examples:

- Liz has autism and can't sleep because she can hear the neighbors through the wall. Liz asked her landlord if she can put soundproof panels on the wall to block out the noise.



- Drew has diabetes and his dog helps let him know when he needs insulin. Drew asked for an exception to the "No Pet" policy.



- Kia has rent due on the 26th of the month, but she receives her Disability on the 1st. She asked for a change to her payment date so that she can pay her rent on time.

Reasonable Modifications

A Reasonable Modification is a physical change made to the inside or outside of a unit where someone lives, to help live in and enjoy their housing.

Here are some examples:

- Dee has cerebral palsy and has difficulty walking up the 3 steps into his apartment. He asks to install a ramp that can help him get into his home.



- Juan is hearing impaired and worries that he can not hear the fire alarm. He asks to install a special alarm system that uses flashing lights that can alert him.



- Rose has difficulty standing due to her disability, so she asks to install a shower seat and a grab bar in the shower to help with her balance and safety.

