

Dayton Housing Authority

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

VAWA is a federal law that protects individuals who are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, regardless of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity. VAWA includes protections for survivors who are applying for or residing in covered housing programs. On March 15, 2022, President Biden signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, which included the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 (“VAWA 2022”). VAWA 2022 reauthorizes, amends, and strengthens VAWA.

Dayton Housing Authority (DHA) will require male or female residents to certify to the incidents in which they claim they were victims of domestic abuse. DHA will not disclose the certificate information provided by the victim except as law permits.

In general, DHA may not terminate the lease of a resident who is certified victim of an actual or threatened incident of domestic abuse as defined by VAWA. Also, in general DHA may not terminate the lease of a certified victim for criminal activity that is directly related to domestic abuse.

The law allows you to fill out HUD-approved form 5382. Which is attached, or you may provide a police or court record, or you may have a professional person whom you consulted about the domestic violence, dating violence or stalking provide documentation. **You must deliver the certificate in one of these three ways within 14 business days after your receipt of the housing authority’s request for certification.**

However, DHA may terminate the perpetrator’s lease. Also, DHA may terminate the lease of a victim if there is an actual and immediate threat of harm to others or for other lease violations not based on domestic abuse.

Also, please see attached HUD Form 5380 for more information.

If you think that you are a victim of actual or threatened domestic abuse or are facing lease violations for an actual or threatened domestic abuse incident, please contact DHA for more information on your rights under VAWA.