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Re: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Dear Residents:

In an effort to reduce domestic abuse and to provide housing to victims of domestic abuse, Congress made changes to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). These changes affect all public housing residents and became effective January 5, 2006.

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 certification information provided by the victim except as the law permits.

In general, DHA may not terminate the lease of a resident who is a 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 50066, 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 certification 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.

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.

Sincerely,

  
DHA Representative

Attachment

**CERTIFICATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, OR STALKING**

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Public and Indian Housing**

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Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response. This includes the time for collecting, reviewing, and reporting the data. Information provided is to be used by PHAs and Section 8 owners or managers to request a tenant to certify that the individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking. The information is subject to the confidentiality requirements of the HUD Reform Legislation. This agency may not collect this information, and you are not required to complete this form unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Purpose of Form:** The Violence Against Women and Justice Department Reauthorization Act of 2005 protects qualified tenants and family members of tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking from being evicted or terminated from housing assistance based on acts of such violence against them.

**Use of Form:** A family member must complete and submit this certification, or the information that may be provided in lieu of the certification, within 14 business days of receiving the written request for this certification by the PHA, owner or manager. The certification or alternate documentation must be returned to the person and address specified in the written request for the certification. If the family member has not provided the requested certification or the information that may be provided in lieu of the certification by the 14th business day or any extension of the date provided by the PHA, manager and owner, none of the protections afforded to victims of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking (collectively "domestic violence") under the Section 8 or public housing programs apply.

Note that a family member may provide, in lieu of this certification (or in addition to it):

- (1) A Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local police or court record; or
- (2) Documentation signed by an employee, agent or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney or a medical professional, from whom the victim has sought assistance in addressing domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, or the effects of abuse, in which the professional attest under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. 1746) to the professional's belief that the incident or incidents in question are bona fide incidents of abuse, and the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking has signed or attested to the documentation.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:**

Date Written Request Received By Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Victim of Domestic Violence: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of other family members listed on the lease \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the abuser: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Victim: \_\_\_\_\_

Date the incident of domestic violence occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of victim: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Incident:

[INSERT TEXT LINES HERE]

I hereby certify that the information that I have provided is true and correct and I believe that, based on the information I have provided, that I am a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking and that the incident(s) in question are bona fide incidents of such actual or threatened abuse. I acknowledge that submission of false information relating to program eligibility is a basis for termination of assistance or eviction.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Executed on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

All information provided to a PHA, owner or manager relating to the incident(s) of domestic violence, including the fact that an individual is a victim of domestic violence shall be retained in confidence by an owner and shall neither be entered into any shared database nor provided to any related entity, except to the extent that such disclosure is (i) requested or consented to by the individual in writing; (ii) required for use in an eviction proceeding or termination of assistance; or (iii) otherwise required by applicable law.

