

HOW TO ENFORCE VAWA HOUSING RIGHTS



HOW CAN SURVIVORS ENFORCE THEIR RIGHTS?

Survivors can file a complaint with HUD's Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Office if they believe their rights have been violated. HUD will intake and investigate the complaint and, if necessary, take action to enforce VAWA. Complaints can be filed online at bit.ly/VAWAcomplaint or over the phone at (800) 669-9777.



WHAT DOES THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT ("VAWA") COVER?

VAWA protects survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in **federally subsidized housing**.

WHAT ARE THE PROTECTIONS?

- 🏠 Tenants must receive notice of their VAWA rights.
- 🏠 Tenants cannot be evicted for gender-based violence.
- 🏠 A lease can be bifurcated to remove someone causing harm.
- 🏠 A survivor can transfer their subsidy if they are experiencing violence.
- 🏠 Housing providers and tenants have the right to seek law enforcement or emergency services.
- 🏠 Housing providers cannot retaliate against a tenant for using VAWA or helping another person use VAWA.

**More info on enforcing VAWA rights at
bit.ly/VAWAHUD**