

Do you receive housing assistance?

IT'S **ILLEGAL** FOR LANDLORDS TO REFUSE TO RENT TO YOU!

A landlord cannot refuse to rent an apartment to you because you are paying the rent with government assistance, including housing vouchers such as Section 8, LINC, HASA benefits, FEPS, SEPS or cash assistance.

PLEASE CONTACT 311 TO REPORT A LANDLORD OR BROKER WHO:

- Rejects your voucher or refuses to process the paperwork to renew it
- Refuses to rent an apartment to you because of where your money comes from
- Refuses to do repairs to your apartment because of where your money comes from
- Tries to discourage you from applying for an apartment. Listen for phrases like:
 - “We don’t take payments from this program” or “We’d prefer another source” to pay the rent.
 - “Don’t you have any other income?”
 - “OK, that program is fine, but can someone else guarantee the rent?”
 - “We will take that program, but you still have to pay first month’s rent, security deposit, and a broker’s fee in cash upfront.”

If you have been a victim of discrimination, call 311 and ask to be connected to the NYC Commission on Human Rights, visit nyc.gov/humanrights or contact the NYC Human Resources Administration at 718-291-4141.



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