Housing Choice Voucher Tenant Responsibilities

Participants in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program have rights and responsibilities as program participants. Some responsibilities may vary, so check with your public housing agency (PHA). Learn more about your responsibilities by reading your lease.

When am I required to notify the PHA?

- ☑ When you are away from your unit for an extended period of time.
- ☑ Before ending the lease or moving out of the unit.
- ☑ If there are changes to your family, such as a new birth or a death in your household, or if someone moves out.
- ☑ When there are changes to your family's income.

What information am I required to supply during a recertification?

- ☑ Income information. You may be required to provide asset information based on the policy of your PHA.
- ☑ Information on each household member's immigration status.
- ☑ Each member's social security number.

What are my responsibilities regarding inspections?

- ☑ You must allow the PHA to inspect your unit for periodic inspections, complaints, or emergencies.

What are my obligations to the unit?

- ☑ You must follow the terms of your lease. This includes paying your rent portion and utility bills you are responsible for.
- ☑ You must maintain the unit. That includes not damaging the unit.
- ☑ You cannot participate in any drug-related or violent criminal activity and cannot commit any other crime that would threaten or bother your neighbors. You also cannot use illegal drugs or abuse alcohol in a way that bothers your neighbors.

For more Housing Choice Voucher tenant resources, visit https://www.hud.gov/hcv/tenants

Contact your local PHA for more information.

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