

LEASE ADDENDUM

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

TENANT	LANDLORD	UNIT NO. & ADDRESS
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This lease addendum adds the following paragraphs to the Lease between the above referenced Tenant and Landlord.

Purpose of the Addendum

The lease for the above referenced unit is being amended to include the provisions of the Violence Against Women and Justice Department Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA).

Conflicts with Other Provisions of the Lease

In case of any conflict between the provisions of this Addendum and other sections of the Lease, the provisions of this Addendum shall prevail.

Term of the Lease Addendum

The effective date of this Lease Addendum is _____. This Lease Addendum shall continue to be in effect until the Lease is terminated.

VAWA Protections

1. The Landlord may not consider incidents of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking as serious or repeated violations of the lease or other "good cause" for termination of assistance, tenancy or occupancy rights of the victim of abuse.
2. The Landlord may not consider criminal activity directly relating to abuse, engaged in by a member of a tenant's household or any guest or other person under the tenant's control, cause for termination of assistance, tenancy, or occupancy rights if the tenant or an immediate member of the tenant's family is the victim or threatened victim of that abuse.
3. The Landlord may request in writing that the victim, or a family member on the victim's behalf, certify that the individual is a victim of abuse and that the Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence or Stalking, Form HUD-91066, or other documentation as noted on the certification form, be completed and submitted within 14 business days, or an agreed upon extension date, to receive protection under the VAWA. Failure to provide the certification or other supporting documentation within the specified timeframe may result in eviction.

Tenant

Date

Landlord

Date

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

**U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development**
Office of 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 owners and management agents administering Section 8 project-based assistance under the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437) 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 (collectively "domestic violence") from being evicted or terminated from housing assistance based on acts of such violence against them.

Use of Form: If you have been a victim of domestic violence, you or a family member on your behalf must complete and submit this certification form, or submit the information described below under "Alternate Documentation," which may be provided in lieu of the certification form, within 14 business days of receiving the written request for this certification form by the owner or management agent. The certification form or alternate documentation must be returned to the person and the address specified in the written request for the certification form. If the requested certification form or the information that may be provided in lieu of the certification form is not received by the 14th business day or any extension of the date provided by the owner or management agent, none of the protections afforded to victims of domestic violence under the Section 8 project-based assistance program will apply. Distribution or issuance of this form does not serve as a written request for certification.

Alternate Documentation: In lieu of this certification form (or in addition to it), the following documentation may be provided:

(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 medical professional, from whom the victim has sought assistance in addressing the domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, or the effects of abuse, in which the professional attests under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. 1746) to the professional's belief that the incident(s) in question are bona fide incidents of abuse, and the victim has signed or attested to the documentation.

TO BE COMPLETED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

1. Date written request is received from owner or management agent: _____

2. Name of victim: _____

3. Your name (if different): _____

4. Name(s) of other family members listed on the lease: _____

5. Name of the abuser: _____

6. Relationship of the abuser to the victim: _____

7. Date of incident: _____

8. Time of incident: _____

9. Location of incident: _____

{Page two must be completed and attached to this form.}

Description of Incident:

In your own words, describe the incident (Attach more sheets if needed. Initial and number each attachment.):

This is to certify that the information provided is true and correct, and that the individual named above in Item 2 is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking. The incident(s) in question is a bona fide incident(s) of such actual or threatened abuse. I acknowledge that submission of false information could jeopardize program eligibility and could be the basis for termination of Section 8 project-based assistance or eviction from assisted property.

Signature _____ Executed on (Date) _____

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1437f(ee)(2)(A), all information provided to an owner or management agent related to the incident(s) of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, including the fact that an individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking shall be retained in confidence by the owner or management agent and shall neither be entered into any shared database nor provided to any related entity, except to the extent that such disclosure is:

- (1) Requested or consented to by the victim in writing;
- (2) Required for use in an eviction proceeding or termination of assistance; or
- (3) Otherwise required by applicable law