



# **\*UPDATED\* HOUSING RIGHTS**

What you need to know if you are a victim of violence

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Under a federal law called the Violence Against Women Act, you are PROTECTED...

## → **Admissions**

Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), landlords, and property owners/managers CANNOT use your history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as a reason to deny housing assistance if you otherwise qualify.

## → **Evictions**

In certain circumstances, you are protected from evictions. PHAs, landlords, and property owners/managers CANNOT evict you for actual or threatened domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking (including related criminal activity) by a member of your household, any guest, or other person against you or your family.

## → **Ending the Abuser's Lease**

If you share a lease with the abuser, PHAs, landlords, and property owners/managers may evict the abuser WITHOUT affecting your housing.

**For all PUBLIC HOUSING, PROJECT-BASED SECTION 8, HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS, SECTION 202, SECTION 811, SECTION 236, and SECTION 221(d)(3) BMIR PROJECTS, properties with HOME, HOPWA, or McKINNEY-VENTO FUNDING, and RURAL DEVELOPMENT MULTIFAMILY and LIHTC HOUSING**

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## **CALL FOR HELP**

### **In Cook County**

Domestic Violence Help Line: 877-TO END DV  
Rape Crisis Hotline: 888-293-2080  
Legal Assistance Foundation: 312-341-1070  
CARPLS Legal Services: 312-738-9200

### **Outside Cook County**

Land of Lincoln Legal Help: 800-252-8629  
Prairie State Legal Services: 800-531-7057  
Domestic Violence Assistance: 217-789-2830  
Sexual Assault Assistance: 217-753-4117

Shriver Center: 312-368-2679

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