

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** 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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