

**Confidentiality:**

HHA must keep confidential any information you provide related to the exercise of your rights under VAWA, including the fact that you are exercising your rights under VAWA. HHA must not allow any individual administering assistance or other services on behalf of HHA (for example, employees and contractors) to have access to confidential information unless for reasons that specifically call for these individuals to have access to this information under applicable Federal, State, or local law. HHA must not enter your information into any shared database or disclose your information to any other entity or individual. HHA, however, may disclose the information provided if:

- You give written permission to HHA to release the information on a time limited basis.
- HHA needs to use the information in an eviction or termination proceeding, such as to evict your abuser or perpetrator or terminate your abuser or perpetrator from assistance under this program.
- A law requires HHA or your landlord to release the information.

VAWA does not limit HHA's duty to honor court orders about access to or control of the property. This includes orders issued to protect a victim and orders dividing property among household members in cases where a family breaks up.

**Reasons a Tenant Eligible for Occupancy Rights under VAWA May Be Evicted or Assistance May Be Terminated:**

You can be evicted and your assistance can be terminated for serious or repeated lease violations that are not related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking committed against you. However, HHA cannot hold tenants who have been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to a more demanding set of rules than it applies to tenants who have not been victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

The protections described in this notice might not apply, and you could be evicted and your assistance terminated, if HHA can demonstrate that not evicting you or terminating your assistance would present a real physical danger that:

- Would occur within an immediate time frame, and
- Could result in death or serious bodily harm to other tenants or those who work on the property.

If HHA can demonstrate the above, HHA should only terminate your assistance or evict you if there are no other actions that could be taken to reduce or eliminate the threat.

**Other Laws:**

VAWA does not replace any Federal, State, or local law that provides greater protection for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. You may be entitled to additional housing protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking under other Federal laws, as well as under State and local laws.

**Non-Compliance with the Requirements of This Notice:**

You may report HHA's violations of these rights and seek additional assistance, if needed, by contacting or filing a complaint with the HUD Boston Regional Office, Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway St, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02222, 617-994-8200 or via email to MA\_Webmanager@hud.gov.

**For Additional Information:**

You may view a copy of HUD's final VAWA rule at:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=5720-F-03VAWAFinRule.pdf>

Additionally, HHA will make a copy of HUD's VAWA regulations available to you if you ask to see them.

For questions regarding VAWA, please contact your Program Representative at HHA. For help regarding an abusive relationship, you may call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or, for persons with hearing impairments, 1-800-787-3224 (TTY). For tenants who are or have been victims of stalking seeking help may visit the National Center for Victims of Crime's Stalking Resource Center at: <https://www.victimsofcrime.org/ourprograms/stalking-resource-center>. For help regarding sexual assault, you may contact Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network's National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-HOPE (4673)

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Head of Household/Participant Signature

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Date