



Asking a Landlord for a Reasonable Accommodation

If you are renting an apartment or house and need to request a reasonable accommodation to the unit because of a disability, you should make this request to your landlord. (If you have a HASCO housing voucher and need to request a reasonable accommodation to use the voucher, information is available [here](#)).

Reasonable Accommodations to a unit may include asking a landlord about designated parking spaces, service animal requests, requests for a different rent due date to accommodate when disability related benefits are received, or requests for the landlord to allow you to make modifications in your unit.

To make a request from a landlord you should be prepared to explain the following:

1. What specific accommodation or modification you are asking for.
2. What disability related need or needs you have that require the accommodation or modification and how that will allow you the same access to the unit as other renters.

Some things to keep in mind:

- You do not have to make a request in writing or use a specific form, but you may want to submit your request in writing to document what accommodation you asked for and when you asked for it.
- You may be asked to provide documentation to verify your disability related need if it is not an obvious need. This documentation only needs to be enough to establish the disability related need for your request and does not require you to disclose specific diagnoses you may have. Requests for documentation should never require you to take a medical examination.
- The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has more information about requesting accommodations that is available [here](#).

For more information about your rights or advice about your specific request, you may want to contact one of the following legal resources:

- [Disability Rights Washington](#)
- [Northwest Justice Project](#)
- [Snohomish County Legal Services](#)

Additionally, if you would like to file a complaint of discrimination, you may contact the [Washington Human Rights Commission](#).

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