

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following information is provided by Housing Connect regarding Reasonable Accommodation:

What are Housing Connect's responsibilities regarding Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973?

It is Housing Connect's policy to provide an accommodation for applicants, public housing residents and Section 8 clients with disabilities, if the accommodation is reasonable and necessary to provide them with an equal opportunity to participate in, or benefit from, Housing Connect housing programs. This policy is in furtherance of Housing Connect's goal of providing affordable housing to low-income persons, regardless of disability, and in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local law.

Housing Connect is an Equal Housing Opportunity provider. All persons will be treated equally without regard to race, color, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or national origin in compliance with the Fair Housing Act.

An individual with a disability is a person who:

- Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.
- Has a record of such impairment.
- Is regarded as having such an impairment.

What is a reasonable accommodation?

A reasonable accommodation is a modification or change Housing Connect can make in its rules, policies, practices or services, or modifications to a person's apartment or to a public or common area where such is necessary to provide a person with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in, or benefit from Housing Connect's programs, unless it causes an undue hardship or fundamental change to the program. This includes things such as assistance with applying for housing or providing an interpreter for someone who is hearing impaired.

How do I apply for a reasonable accommodation from Housing Connect?

Ask your Eligibility Specialist, Property Manager, or Section 8 Specialist for assistance or obtain forms on website at <u>www.housingconnect.org</u> under About Us and Policies.

Complete the Request for Reasonable Accommodation Form.

Have your health care provider complete the Health Care Provider Form.

Send both completed forms to: Marni Timmerman, 504 Coordinator

Housing Connect 3595 South Main Street Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

You will receive written notification if your request has been approved or denied.

