



# Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

## Reasonable Accommodations and Modifications for Persons with Disabilities

The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) is committed to fair housing practices for all residents of the District of Columbia. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 (FHA) allows qualified persons with disabilities and or their representatives to request reasonable accommodations and/or modifications so that they may fully use and enjoy their homes and related facilities. This law defines a qualified person with disability as:

Any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; has a record of such impairment; or is regarded as having such impairment.

In general, a physical or mental impairment includes hearing, mobility and visual impairments, chronic alcoholism, chronic mental illness, AIDS, and developmental disabilities that substantially limit one or more major life activities. Major life activities include walking, talking, hearing, seeing, breathing, learning, performing manual tasks, and caring for oneself.

The FHA requires DCRA to make reasonable accommodations for qualified persons with disabilities. A reasonable accommodation is a change in rules, policy, practices, or services so that a person with a disability will have an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling unit or common space. DCRA is required provide reasonable accommodations to qualified persons with disabilities, but it is not required to make changes that would fundamentally alter the program or create an undue financial and administrative burden.

The FHA of 1988 requires DCRA to allow qualified persons with disabilities to make reasonable modifications. A reasonable modification is a structural modification that is made to allow persons with disabilities the full enjoyment of the housing and related facilities. DCRA Is required to provide reasonable modifications to qualified persons with disabilities, but It is not required to make changes that would fundamentally alter the program or create an undue financial and administrative burden.

Would you like to obtain more information from DCRA on FHA reasonable accommodation and/modification requests for qualified persons with disabilities (*circle one*)?

YES

NO

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**Printed Name**

**Signature**

If you have questions or concerns related to requesting reasonable accommodations or modifications for qualified persons with disabilities from DCRA, please contact:

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