

VAWA – VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

I. Purpose and Applicability

The purpose of this Policy (Herein called “*Policy*”) is to implement the applicable provisions of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-162) and more generally to set forth Housing Authority of the Town of Phillipsburg (herein called “*Authority*”) policies and procedures regarding domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, as hereinafter defined.

This Policy shall be applicable to the administration by Phillipsburg Housing Authority of all federally subsidized public housing under the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 51437 et seq.). Notwithstanding its title, this Policy is gender-neutral, and its protections are available to males who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking as well as female victims of such violence.

II. Goals and Objectives

This Policy has the following principal goals and objectives:

Maintaining compliance with all applicable legal requirements imposed by VAWA;
Ensuring the physical safety of victims of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking who are assisted by the Authority.
Providing and maintaining housing opportunities for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking;
Creating and maintaining collaborative arrangements between the Authority, law enforcement authorities, victim service providers, and others to promote the safety and well-being of victims of actual and threatened domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking who are assisted by the Authority, and;
Taking appropriate action in response to an incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, affecting individuals assisted by the Authority.

III. Other Phillipsburg Housing Authority Policies and Procedures

This Policy shall be referenced in and attached to the Phillipsburg Housing Authority’s Five-Year Public Housing Agency Plan and shall be incorporated in and made part of the Phillipsburg Housing Authority’s Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (*ACOP*). The Phillipsburg Housing Authority’s Annual Public Housing Agency Plan shall also contain information concerning Phillipsburg Housing Authority’s activities, services, or programs relating to domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

To the extent any provision of this Policy shall vary or contradict any previously adopted policy or procedure of the Phillipsburg Housing Authority the provisions of this policy shall prevail.

IV. Definitions

Domestic Violence

The term “domestic violence” includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or form spouse of the victim, by a person with whom the person shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

Dating Violence

Violence committed by a person:

Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

The length of the relationship

The type of relationship

The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship

Stalking

To follow, pursue, or repeatedly commit acts with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person; and

To place under surveillance with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person; and
In the course of, or as a result of, such following, pursuit, surveillance or repeatedly committed acts, to place a person in reasonable fear of the death of, or serious bodily injury to, or to cause substantial emotional harm to:

that person;

a member of the immediate family of that person; or
the spouse or intimate partner of that person;

Immediate Family Member (With Respect to a Person)

a spouse, parent, brother, sister, or child of that person, or an individual to whom that person stands in loco parentis; or

Any other person living in the household of that person and related to that person by blood or marriage.

Perpetrator

Person who commits an act of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking against a victim.

Non-Denial of Assistance

Phillipsburg Housing authority will not deny admission to public housing or to any person because that person is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, provided that such person is otherwise qualified for such admission.

VI. Termination of Tenancy or Assistance

VAWA Protections

Under VAWA, public housing residents have the following specific protections, which will be observed by the Phillipsburg Housing Authority.

An incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking will not be considered to be a “serious or repeated” violation of the lease by the victim or threatened victim of that violence and will not be good cause for terminating the tenancy or occupancy rights of or assistance to the victim of that violence.

In addition to the foregoing, tenancy or assistance will not be terminated by the Phillipsburg Housing Authority as a result of criminal activity is directly related to domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking engaged in by a member of the assisted household, a guest or another person under the tenant's control, and the tenant or an immediate family member is the victim or threatened victim of this criminal activity. However, the protection against termination of tenancy or assistance described in this paragraph is subject to the following limitations:

Nothing contained in this paragraph shall limit any otherwise available Authority of Phillipsburg Housing Authority to terminate tenancy, evict, or to terminate assistance, as the case may be, for any violation of a lease or program requirement not premised on the act or acts of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking in question against the tenant or a member of the tenant's household. However, in taking any such action Phillipsburg Housing Authority may apply a more demanding standard to the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking than that applied to other tenants.

Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to limit the Authority of Phillipsburg Housing Authority to evict or terminate from assistance any tenant or lawful applicant if the Phillipsburg Housing Authority, as the case may be, can demonstrate an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or to those employed at or providing service to the property, if the tenant is not evicted or terminated from assistance.

Removal of Perpetrator

Further, notwithstanding, anything in Paragraph (VI., A, a) or Federal, State or local law to the contrary, the Authority, as the case may be, may bifurcate a lease, or remove a household member from the lease, without regard to whether a household member is a signatory to a lease, in order to evict, remove, terminate occupancy rights, or terminate assistance to any individual who is a tenant or lawful occupant and who engages in acts of physical violence against family members or others. Such action against the perpetrator of such physical violence may be taken without evicting, removing, terminating assistance to, or otherwise penalizing the victim of such violence who is also the tenant or a lawful occupant. Such eviction, removal, termination of occupancy rights, or termination of assistance shall be effected in accordance with the procedures prescribed by law applicable to terminations of tenancy and evictions by the Authority.

VII. Verification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking

Requirement for Verification

The law allows, but does not require, Phillipsburg Housing Authority to verify that an incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, claimed by a tenant or other lawful occupant is bona fide and meets the requirements of the applicable definitions set forth in this policy. Phillipsburg Housing Authority shall require verification in all cases where an individual claims protection against an action involving such individual proposed to be taken by the Authority.

Verification of a claimed incident or incidents of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking may be accomplished in one of the following three ways:

HUD-Approved Form

By providing to the Authority a written certification, on a form approved by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), that the individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking that the incident or incidents in question are bona fide incidents of actual or

threatened abuse meeting the requirements of the applicable definition(s) set forth in this policy. The incident or incidents in question must be described in reasonable detail as required in the HUD-Approved Form, and the completed certification must include the name of the perpetrator.

Other Documentation

By providing to Phillipsburg Housing Authority documentation signed by an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, or medical professional from whom the victim has sought assistance in addressing the domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, or the effects of the abuse, described in such documentation. The professional providing the documentation must sign and attest under penalty of perjury (28 U.S.C. 1746) to the professional's belief that the incident or incidents in question are bona fide incidents of abuse meeting the requirements of the applicable definition(s) set forth in this policy. The victim of the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking described in the documentation must also sign and attest to the documentation under penalty or perjury.

Police or Court Record

By providing to Phillipsburg Housing Authority local police or court record describing the incident or incidents in question.

Waiver of verification requirement

The Executive Director of the Phillipsburg Housing Authority, may, with respect to any specific case, waive the above-stated requirements for verification and provide the benefits of this policy based on the victim's statement or other corroborating evidence. Such waiver may be granted in sole discretion of the Executive Director. Any such waiver must be in writing. Waiver in particular instance or instances shall not operate as precedent for, or create any right to, waiver in any other case or cases, regardless of similarity in circumstances.

VIII. Confidentiality

Right of Confidentiality

All information (including the fact that an individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking) provided to the Authority in connection with a verification required under Section VII of this Policy or provided in lieu of such verification where a waiver of verification is granted, shall be retained by the receiving party in confidence and shall neither be entered in any shared database nor provided to any related entity, except where disclosure is:

- Requested or consented by the individual in writing, or;
- Required for use in public housing eviction proceeding, as permitted in VAWA, or;
- Otherwise required by applicable law.

Notification of Rights

All tenants of public housing administered by the Phillipsburg Housing Authority shall be notified in writing concerning their right to confidentiality and the limits on such rights of confidentiality.

IX. Notification

Phillipsburg Housing Authority shall provide written notification to applicants and tenants concerning their rights and obligations created under VAWA relating to confidentiality, denial of assistance, and termination of tenancy or assistance.

X. Relationship with Other Applicable Laws

Neither VAWA nor this Policy implementing it shall preempt or supersede any provision of Federal, State, or local law that provides greater protection than that provided under VAWA for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

XI. Amendment

This policy may be amended from time to time by the Phillipsburg Housing Authority as approved by the Phillipsburg Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT STATEMENT (VAWA)

The Housing Authority of the Town of Phillipsburg (herein called Phillipsburg Housing Authority) has included in its Annual and Five Year Plans the following information regarding the "Violence Against Women Act". The inclusion of this information is in accordance with Section 5A of the United States Housing Act (42 USC 1437c-1) which requires that the plan provide specific information regarding our goals and activities to assist victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.

The Phillipsburg Housing Authority works closely with the Phillipsburg (local) Police Department in reporting all crimes occurring on Housing Authority property. The reports include all incidences of domestic violence. We will also receive complaints directly at our office or through any member of our staff. All incidences of domestic violence will be handled in a discreet, courteous, confidential and professional manner. Victims will be referred to the following:

*Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault
Crisis Center
PO Box 88
Washington, NJ 07882-0088
(866) 6BE-SAFE*

This program is exclusively devoted to domestic violence intervention. The program offers full range of specialized services including crisis intervention, counseling, legal advocacy, court appearance preparation, court accompaniment, counseling, community education and professional training.

In consultation with the Crisis Center Program, the *Phillipsburg Housing Authority* will assist the victim in contacting the *Warren County Prosecutor's Office, Domestic Violence Unit (908) 475-6624* to assist in prosecuting indictable domestic violence crimes. A counselor will be requested to assist the victims during the legal process.

The *Phillipsburg Housing Authority* also follows all procedures enumerated in the March 16, 2007 Federal Register Notice regarding VAWA. It is the *Phillipsburg Housing Authority's* goal to ensure that all residents reside in a safe and secure environment free from violence. The Phillipsburg Housing Authority will take all measures possible to protect its residents by removing the violent offender and assisting the victim. All information regarding domestic violence shall be kept strictly confidential by the *Phillipsburg Housing Authority*.

[Phillipsburg Housing Authority]

Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act¹

To all Tenants and Applicants

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) provides protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. VAWA protections are not only available to women; but are available equally to all individuals regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.² The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the Federal agency that oversees that **[Phillipsburg Housing Authority]** is in compliance with VAWA.

This notice explains your rights under VAWA. A HUD-approved certification form is attached to this notice. You can fill out this form to show that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and that you wish to use your rights under VAWA.”

Protections for Applicants

If you otherwise qualify for assistance under **[Phillipsburg Housing Authority]**, you cannot be denied admission or denied assistance because you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

¹ Despite the name of this law, VAWA protection is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

² Housing providers cannot discriminate on the basis of any protected characteristic, including race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or age. HUD-assisted and HUD-insured housing must be made available to all otherwise eligible individuals regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.

Protections for Tenants

If you are receiving assistance under [**Phillipsburg Housing Authority**], you may not be denied assistance, terminated from participation, or be evicted from your rental housing because you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Also, if you or an affiliated individual of yours is or has been the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking by a member of your household or any guest, you may not be denied rental assistance or occupancy rights under [**Phillipsburg Housing Authority**] solely on the basis of criminal activity directly relating to that domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Affiliated individual means your spouse, parent, brother, sister, or child, or a person to whom you stand in the place of a parent or guardian (for example, the affiliated individual is in your care, custody, or control); or any individual, tenant, or lawful occupant living in your household.

Removing the Abuser or Perpetrator from the Household

HP may divide (bifurcate) your lease in order to evict the individual or terminate the assistance of the individual who has engaged in criminal activity (the abuser or perpetrator) directly relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

If HP chooses to remove the abuser or perpetrator, HP may not take away the rights of eligible tenants to the unit or otherwise punish the remaining tenants. If the evicted abuser or perpetrator was the sole tenant to have established eligibility for assistance under the program, HP must allow the tenant who is or has been a victim and other household members to remain in the unit for a period of time, in order to establish eligibility under the program or under another HUD housing program covered by VAWA, or, find alternative housing.

In removing the abuser or perpetrator from the household, HP must follow Federal, State, and local eviction procedures. In order to divide a lease, HP may, but is not required to, ask you for documentation or certification of the incidences of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Moving to Another Unit

Upon your request, HP may permit you to move to another unit, subject to the availability of other units, and still keep your assistance. In order to approve a request, HP may ask you to provide documentation that you are requesting to move because of an incidence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. If the request is a request for emergency transfer, the housing provider may ask you to submit a written request or fill out a form where you certify that you meet the criteria for an emergency transfer under VAWA. The criteria are:

- (1) You are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.** If your housing provider does not already have documentation that you are a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, your housing provider may ask you for such documentation, as described in the documentation section below.
- (2) You expressly request the emergency transfer.** Your housing provider may choose to require that you submit a form, or may accept another written or oral request.
- (3) You reasonably believe you are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if you remain in your current unit.** This means you have a reason to fear that if you do not receive a transfer you would suffer violence in the very near future.

OR

You are a victim of sexual assault and the assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period before you request a transfer. If you are a victim of sexual assault, then in addition to qualifying for an emergency transfer because you reasonably believe you are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if you remain in your unit, you may qualify for an emergency transfer if the sexual assault occurred on the premises of the property from which you are seeking your transfer, and that assault happened within the 90-calendar-day period before you expressly request the transfer.

HP will keep confidential requests for emergency transfers by victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and the location of any move by such victims and their families.

HP's emergency transfer plan provides further information on emergency transfers, and HP must make a copy of its emergency transfer plan available to you if you ask to see it.

Documenting You Are or Have Been a Victim of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking

HP can, but is not required to, ask you to provide documentation to “certify” that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Such request from HP must be in writing, and HP must give you at least 14 business days (Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays do not count) from the day you receive the request to provide the documentation. HP may, but does not have to, extend the deadline for the submission of documentation upon your request.

You can provide one of the following to HP as documentation. It is your choice which of the following to submit if HP asks you to provide documentation that you are or have been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

- A complete HUD-approved certification form given to you by HP with this notice, that documents an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The form will ask for your name, the date, time, and location of the incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and a description of the incident. The certification form provides for including the name of the abuser or perpetrator if the name of the abuser or perpetrator is known and is safe to provide.
- A record of a Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local law enforcement agency, court, or administrative agency that documents the incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Examples of such records include police reports, protective orders, and restraining orders, among others.
- A statement, which you must sign, along with the signature of an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, a medical professional or a mental health professional (collectively, “professional”) from whom you sought assistance in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or the effects of abuse, and with the professional selected by you attesting under penalty of perjury that he or she believes that the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking are grounds for protection.
- Any other statement or evidence that HP has agreed to accept.

If you fail or refuse to provide one of these documents within the 14 business days, HP does not have to provide you with the protections contained in this notice.

If HP receives conflicting evidence that an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking has been committed (such as certification forms from two or more members of a household each claiming to be a victim and naming one or more of the other petitioning household members as the abuser or perpetrator), HP has the right to request that you provide third-party documentation within thirty 30 calendar days in order to resolve the conflict. If you fail or refuse to provide third-party documentation where there is conflicting evidence, HP does not have to provide you with the protections contained in this notice.

Confidentiality

HP 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.

HP must not allow any individual administering assistance or other services on behalf of HP (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.

HP must not enter your information into any shared database or disclose your information to any other entity or individual. HP, however, may disclose the information provided if:

- You give written permission to HP to release the information on a time limited basis.
- HP 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 HP or your landlord to release the information.

VAWA does not limit HP'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, HP 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 HP can demonstrate that not evicting you or terminating your assistance would present a real physical danger that:

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

If HP can demonstrate the above, HP 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 a covered housing provider's violations of these rights and seek additional assistance, if needed, by contacting or filing a complaint with **the Phillipsburg Housing Authority HUD field office in Newark, NJ.**

For Additional Information

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

[<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/12/06/2016-29213/violence-against-women-reauthorization-act-of-2013-implementation-in-hud-housing-programs-correction>].

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

For questions regarding VAWA, please contact **[Phillipsburg Housing Authority]**.

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). You may also contact

DOMESTIC ABUSE & SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS CENTER 29C Broad St., Washington, NJ 07882 Executive Director, Jill Zinckgraf (Business Phone - 453-4121) (24-HOUR HOTLINE 453-4181; 1-866-6-BE-SAFE) (Website . www.dasacc.org) Provides temporary emergency shelter, 24-hour hotline, counseling, legal advocacy, case management, transitional housing, and community education for those impacted by domestic violence and/or sexual assault. All services are free, confidential, and culturally competent.

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/our-programs/stalking-resource-center>.

For help regarding sexual assault, you may contact

Victims of stalking seeking help may contact [National Center for Victims of Crime's Stalking Resource Center at <https://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center>].

Attachment: Certification form HUD-5382 [**form approved for this program to be included**]

**CERTIFICATION OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
DATING VIOLENCE,
SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING,
AND ALTERNATE DOCUMENTATION**

**U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development**

OMB Approval No. 2577-0286
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Purpose of Form: The Violence Against Women Act (“VAWA”) protects applicants, tenants, and program participants in certain HUD programs from being evicted, denied housing assistance, or terminated from housing assistance based on acts of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against them. Despite the name of this law, VAWA protection is available to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Use of This Optional Form: If you are seeking VAWA protections from your housing provider, your housing provider may give you a written request that asks you to submit documentation about the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

In response to this request, you or someone on your behalf may complete this optional form and submit it to your housing provider, or you may submit one of the following types of third-party documentation:

- (1) A document signed by you and an employee, agent, or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney, or medical professional, or a mental health professional (collectively, “professional”) from whom you have sought assistance relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or the effects of abuse. The document must specify, under penalty of perjury, that the professional believes the incident or incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking occurred and meet the definition of “domestic violence,” “dating violence,” “sexual assault,” or “stalking” in HUD’s regulations at 24 CFR 5.2003.
- (2) A record of a Federal, State, tribal, territorial or local law enforcement agency, court, or administrative agency; or
- (3) At the discretion of the housing provider, a statement or other evidence provided by the applicant or tenant.

Submission of Documentation: The time period to submit documentation is 14 business days from the date that you receive a written request from your housing provider asking that you provide documentation of the occurrence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Your housing provider may, but is not required to, extend the time period to submit the documentation, if you request an extension of the time period. If the requested information is not received within 14 business days of when you received the request for the documentation, or any extension of the date provided by your housing provider, your housing provider does not need to grant you any of the VAWA protections. Distribution or issuance of this form does not serve as a written request for certification.

Confidentiality: All information provided to your housing provider concerning the incident(s) of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking shall be kept confidential and such details shall not be entered into any shared database. Employees of your housing provider are not to have access to these details unless to grant or deny VAWA protections to you, and such employees may not disclose this information to any other entity or individual, except to the extent that disclosure is: (i) consented to by you in writing in a time-limited release; (ii) required for use in an eviction proceeding or hearing regarding termination of assistance; or (iii) otherwise required by applicable law.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING**

1. Date the written request is received by victim: _____

2. Name of victim: _____

3. Your name (if different from victim's): _____

4. Name(s) of other family member(s) listed on the lease: _____

5. Residence of victim: _____

6. Name of the accused perpetrator (if known and can be safely disclosed): _____

7. Relationship of the accused perpetrator to the victim: _____

8. Date(s) and times(s) of incident(s) (if known): _____

10. Location of incident(s): _____

In your own words, briefly describe the incident(s):

This is to certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection, and that the individual named above in Item 2 is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. I acknowledge that submission of false information could jeopardize program eligibility and could be the basis for denial of admission, termination of assistance, or eviction.

Signature _____ Signed on (Date) _____

Public Reporting Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response. This includes the time for collecting, reviewing, and reporting the data. The information provided is to be used by the housing provider to request certification that the applicant or tenant is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The information is subject to the confidentiality requirements of VAWA. This agency may not collect this information, and you are not required to complete this form, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.