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FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) collects information on tenants in HUD assisted rental housing. The U.S. Privacy Act of 1974 established requirements governing HUD's use and disclosure of the information it collects on individuals and families.

Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) operating such housing, send HUD information on their tenant's income, family composition, rent, etc. This information was already given to the PHAs, by the tenants, when applying or being reexamined. It is transferred to HUD forms used for data collection. The forms may be sent to a contractor who key punches the information in preparation for processing by HUD computers.

USE: HUD uses the information for budget development, program evaluation and planning, and reports to the President and Congress. HUD also uses the information to monitor compliance with federal requirements on eligibility and rent and to verify the accuracy and completeness of the income information.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Summaries of tenant data are available to the public. Disclosure of information about individuals and families is restricted by the Privacy Act of 1974. Such information is released to appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies to verify information relevant to eligibility and rent determinations and when applicable to other civil, criminal or regulatory matters.

The Privacy Act restricts HUD's disclosure of information on individuals and families, but does not restrict the PHA from releasing such information. There may be State and Local laws or regulations that govern disclosure by the PHA.

INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS: All applicants/participants must provide social security number verification for all family members to HUD or the PHA verification for new family members must be provided at the next file review. Failure to provide social security number verifications is grounds for denial of eligibility and/or termination of rental assistance.

The other information must be provided to HUD so that it can carry out monitoring and data collection responsibilities. Failure to do so may result in eviction or the withdrawal of housing assistance (depending on the housing program.)

AUTHORITY: HUD is permitted to ask for the information by the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 as amended, 42 U.S.C., 1437 et. Seq., the Housing and Community Development Act of 1981, Public Law 97-35, 85 Stat, 348, 408.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT. FAILURE TO ASK QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS DOCUMENT INDICATES YOU UNDERSTAND.

If you believe you have been discriminated against, you may call Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity National Toll-Free Hotline at 1-800-424-8590.