

# LGBT Equal Access to HUD Programs



The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) enforces regulations that ensure its core programs are open to all eligible individuals regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

The regulations were published in a final rule entitled “***Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity***” and include the following provisions:

- ✓ A general **equal access provision** which requires housing that is funded by HUD or subject to a mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) to be made available without regard to actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status;
- ✓ Clarification that the terms “**family**” and “**household,**” as used in HUD programs, include persons regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status;
- ✓ Prohibition on owners and operators of HUD-funded housing or housing insured by FHA from **asking** about an applicant’s or occupant’s sexual orientation or gender identity for the purpose of determining eligibility or otherwise making housing available; and
- ✓ Prohibition on FHA lenders from **taking into account** actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in determining the adequacy of a potential borrower’s income.

If you believe a housing provider or FHA-insured lender violated this rule or otherwise denied housing to someone because of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status, contact your local HUD office or HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity for help at **(800) 669-9777** or **(800) 927-9275 (TTY)**.



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