CERTIFICATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING

Confidentiality Note: Any personal information you share in this form will be maintained by your covered housing provider according to the confidentiality provisions below.

Purpose of Form: If you are a tenant of or applicant for housing assisted under a covered housing program, or if you are applying for or receiving transitional housing or rental assistance under a covered housing program, and ask for protection under the Violence Against Women Act ("VAWA"), you may use this form to comply with a covered housing provider's request for written documentation of your status as a "victim". This form is accompanied by a "Notice of Occupancy Rights Under the Violence Against Women Act," Form HUD-5380.

VAWA protects individuals and families regardless of a victim's age, sex, or marital status.

You are not expected **and cannot be asked or required** to claim, document, or prove victim status or VAWA violence/abuse other than as stated in "Notice of Occupancy Rights Under the Violence Against Women Act," Form HUD-5380.

This form is **one of your available options** for responding to a covered housing provider's written request for documentation of victim status or the incident(s) of VAWA violence/abuse. If you choose, you may submit one of the types of third-party documentation described in Form HUD-5380, in the section titled, "What do I need to document that I am a victim?". Your covered housing provider must give you at least 14 business days (weekends and holidays do not count) to respond to their written request for this documentation.

Will my information be kept confidential? Whenever you ask for or about VAWA protections, your covered housing provider must keep any information you provide about the VAWA violence/abuse or the fact you (or a household member) are a victim, including the information on this form, strictly confidential. This information should be securely and separately kept from your other tenant files. This information can only be accessed by an employee/agent of your covered housing provider if (1) access is required for a specific reason, (2) your covered housing provider explicitly authorizes that person's access for that reason, **and** (3) the authorization complies with applicable law. This information will not be given to anyone else or put in a database shared with anyone else, unless your covered housing provider (1) gets your written permission to do so for a limited time, (2) is required to do so as part of an eviction or termination hearing, **or** (3) is required to do so by law.

In addition, your covered housing provider must keep your address strictly confidential to ensure that it is not disclosed to a person who committed or threatened to commit VAWA violence/abuse against you (or a household member).

What if I require this information in a language other than English? To read this in Spanish or another language, please contact MDHA Rental Assistance office at 302 Foster Street, Nashville, TN 37207 (615) 252-65 (615) 252-6505 or by email at section8@nashville-mdha.org or go to . You can read translated VAWA forms at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/administration/hudclips/forms/hud5a#4. If you speak or read in a language other than English, your covered housing provider must give you language assistance regarding your VAWA protections (for example, oral interpretation and/or written translation).

Can I request a reasonable accommodation? If you have a disability, your covered housing provider must provide reasonable accommodations to rules, policies, practices, or services that may be necessary to allow you to equally benefit from VAWA protections (for example, giving you more time to submit documents or assistance with filling out forms). You may request a reasonable accommodation at any time, even for the first time during an eviction. If a provider is denying a specific reasonable accommodation because it is not reasonable, your covered housing provider must first engage in the interactive process with you to identify possible alternative accommodations. Your covered housing provider must also ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities.

Need further help? For additional information on VAWA and to find help in your area, visit https://www.hud.gov/vawa. To speak with a housing advocate, contact Please refer to the resource sheet.

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

1. **Name(s) of victim(s):** _____

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

3. **Name(s) of other member(s) of the household:** _____

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

5. **What is the safest and most secure way to contact you? (You may choose more than one.)**

   If any contact information changes or is no longer a safe contact method, notify your covered housing provider.

   ☐ Phone Phone Number: _____

   Safe to receive a voicemail: ☐ Yes ☐ No

   ☐ E-mail E-mail Address:_____

   Safe to receive an email: ☐ Yes ☐ No

   ☐ Mail Mailing Address: _____

   Safe to receive mail from your housing provider: ☐ Yes ☐ No

   ☐ Other Please List:_____

6. **Anything else your housing provider should know to safely communicate with you?**

Applicable definitions of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking:

Domestic violence includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who lives with or has lived with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction, 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.

Spouse or intimate partner of the victim includes a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, as determined by the length of the relationship, the type of the relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Dating violence means violence committed by a person:

(1) Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; **and**

(2) Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: (i) The length of the relationship; (ii) The type of relationship; and (iii) The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Sexual assault means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks capacity to consent.

Stalking means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:

(1) Fear for the person's individual safety or the safety of others **or**

(2) Suffer substantial emotional distress.

Certification of Applicant or Tenant: By signing below, I am certifying that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection, and that one or more members of my household is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as described in the applicable definitions above.

_____ _____

Signature **Date**

Public Reporting Burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response. This includes the time for collecting, reviewing, and reporting. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing this burden can be sent to the Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410. Housing providers in programs covered by VAWA may request certification that the applicant or tenant is a victim of VAWA violence/abuse. A Federal 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.

Advocate Resource Sheet

Call 911 for emergencies; the numbers below are the local, state, and national contacts advocates most often need for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking.

24/7 crisis lines

Line	Number	Serves
Emergency	911	Immediate danger
Tennessee Domestic Violence Helpline	1-800-356-6767	Statewide DV; language line available
YWCA Nashville 24-Hour Crisis & Support Helpline	1-800-334-4628; local 615-242-1199; text 615-983-5170	Davidson County DV, shelter access
Morning Star Sanctuary (AGAPE) 24/7 line	615-860-0003	DV survivors seeking shelter
Tennessee Sexual Assault Hotline (Sexual Assault Center)	1-866-811-7473	Sexual assault, statewide
National Domestic Violence Hotline	1-800-799-7233; TTY 1-800-787-3224	DV, any location
National Sexual Assault Hotline (RAINN)	1-800-656-4673	Sexual assault, any location
National Dating Abuse Helpline	1-866-331-9474	Dating violence
Stalking Resource Center	victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center	Stalking (web resource)
988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline	988	Mental health crisis

Advocacy and crisis centers

Center	Address	Phone	Hours	Notes
Family Safety Center (Metro Office of Family Safety)	610 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37210	615-880-1100	Mon–Fri 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; order of protection help 24/7	DV, sexual assault, trafficking, child abuse; partners on site include YWCA, Mary Parrish Center, Sexual Assault Center, MNPD Family Intervention Program,

Center	Address	Phone	Hours	Notes
				Nashville Children's Alliance
Jean Crowe Advocacy Center	100 James Robertson Pkwy, Suite 114, Nashville, TN 37201	615-862-4767	Mon–Fri 8 a.m.–4 p.m.; walk-ins welcome	Court-based; safety planning, court accompaniment, orders of protection
Sexual Assault Center	101 French Landing Dr, Nashville, TN 37228	615-259-9055 Statewide 24-hour crisis & support line 1-866-811-7473	Office hours not verified	
MNPD Family Intervention Program	Inside Family Safety Center	615-862-7773	Not verified	Mental health services and criminal justice advocacy for violent crime victims
Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence	404 BNA Dr, Suite 210, Nashville, TN 37217	615-386-9406	Not verified	Statewide referrals; free legal services for sexual assault, immigrant, and trafficked survivors

Shelter and transitional housing

Provider	Type	Contact	Notes
YWCA Weaver Domestic Violence Center	Emergency shelter, 70 beds, undisclosed location	24/7 helpline 1-800-334-4628 or text 615-983-5170; office 615-269-9922, 1608 Woodmont Blvd, Nashville, TN 37215	Survivors and their children;
AGAPE formerly Morning Star Sanctuary	Emergency shelter	24/7 line 615-860-0003; office 615-860-0188 (Mon–Fri 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.)	Women and children; no pet accommodations; legal advocacy and orders of protection help

Provider	Type	Contact	Notes
The Mary Parrish Center	Transitional housing and rapid rehousing	615-256-5959; housing specialists 615-955-0620; PO Box 60009, Nashville, TN 37206	Free; no service requirements; covers DV, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking

Legal help and housing rights

Organization	Contact	Notes
Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands	Intake 1-800-238-1443; Nashville office 615-244-6610, 1321 Murfreesboro Pike, Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37217	Free civil help including domestic violence, protection orders, and housing; call first, no walk-in lawyer meetings; open Mon–Fri 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; no criminal cases
Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence	615-386-9406	Free legal services for sexual assault survivors and for immigrant and trafficked victims
Tennessee Human Rights Commission	1-800-251-3589	State housing discrimination complaints
HUD Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity	1-800-669-9777	Federal housing discrimination complaints; HUD allows up to one year from the act
HUD Nashville Field Office	615-736-5600	Serves Middle Tennessee

Law enforcement, courts, and orders of protection

Contact	Number	Notes
Metro Nashville Police, non-emergency	615-862-8600	Reports and violations of orders of protection when not in immediate danger
MNPD Domestic Violence Division	615-880-3000	
MNPD Sex Crimes	615-862-7540	
Metro Nashville District Attorney	615-862-5500	
Family Safety Center, order of protection help	615-880-1100	Available 24/7 at 610 Murfreesboro Pike
Jean Crowe Advocacy Center	615-862-4767	Where petitioners go on the day of the court hearing

Child abuse and human trafficking

Line	Number	Notes
Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline (DCS)	1-877-237-0004; online at apps.tn.gov/carat	Every Tennessean is a mandated reporter
Nashville Children's Alliance	615-327-9958	At the Family Safety Center; free forensic interviews and therapy
Our Kids	615-341-4911	Exams and intervention for child sexual abuse
Tennessee Human Trafficking Hotline (TBI)	1-855-558-6484 (1-855-55-TNHTH)	24/7, confidential
National Human Trafficking Hotline	1-888-373-7888; text 233733	TTY 711