

## REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

If you, or someone in your household, has a disability, defined under the Fair Housing Act as a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activity (e.g. caring for one self, performing manual tasks, walking, hearing, speaking, or breathing), you may ask for a reasonable accommodation or modification from your housing provider.

A reasonable accommodation is a change to a rule or a policy needed because of a disability. Examples include: an assistance animal, a live-in caregiver, or a reserved parking space near your unit.

A reasonable modification is a structural change to a unit. For example, installing grab bars, a widened door or a ramp. Unless the housing provider receives federal funds, the cost of the modification must be paid by the tenant.

Accommodations should be reasonable and necessary due to the disability. A third party letter verifying the disability and need for the accommodation or modification may be necessary if the disability and need are not obvious or known to the housing provider.



## TRIBAL JURISDICTION

- **The Fair Housing Act does not apply to federally recognized Indian Tribes and their tribally designated housing agencies (TDHEs)** engaged in activities funded by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, or to activities of Indian Tribes and tribal organizations under the ICDBG program pursuant to Sec. 106(a)(1) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.
- **Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)** does not apply to federally recognized Indian tribes and their TDHEs. Tribes or TDHEs that are agencies or instrumentalities of a State, e.g. State-created Indian housing authorities, are covered by the ADA.
- **Sec. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973** applies to Tribes and their TDHEs that receive federal funds and reasonable accommodations must be made.
- **Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Indian Civil Rights Act)** applies to federally recognized tribes and their TDHEs.
- **The Architectural Barriers Act (ABA)** does not apply to Indian tribes and their TDHEs.

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If you think you have been discriminated against in a housing transaction, contact:

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## American Indians / Alaska Natives & Fair Housing Rights



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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*We who live and work in Eastern and Central WA do so within the traditional ceded and reserved ancestral homelands of indigenous people*

The **Spokane Tribe of Indians** inhabited 3 million acres in NE WA. In 1881, Pres. Hayes established the Spokane Indian Reservation of 154,602 acres. In 1951, the Spokane Tribe became a federally recognized tribal government. Today the Spokane Tribe's primary government operations are in Wellpinit WA with a citizen pop. of approximately 2,900 enrolled members.

The **Colville Confederated Tribes** (Lakes, Colville, Okanogan, Moses-Columbia, Wenatchi, Entiat, Chelan, Methow, Nespelem, Sanpoil, and Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce and Palus Indians) homeland extends over 39 million acres across E WA, and portions of B.C., OR, and ID. A reservation was established by Exec. Order on April 9, 1872. In July of 1872 it was exchanged for the half as large present Colville Reservation. In 1892 The N. half of the reservation was ceded to the U.S. by Congress. Today the Colville Reservation is the homeland of est. 7692 people.

The **Kalispel Tribe of Indians** homeland extends from Lake Pend Oreille in N. ID to Paradise, MT and NW across NE WA to British Columbia. The Kalispel Reservation was established by Exec. Order on March 23, 1914 on 7 sq. miles on the E bank of the Pend Oreille River. Four sq. miles of Tribal Trust land has been added, including a half square mile in Airway Heights, and five and a half sq. miles throughout NE WA and N. ID.

The **Yakama Nation**: Over 12 million acres of land were ceded to the federal government during the June 9, 1855 Treaty by representatives of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Wallawalla, Nez Perce and Yakama Tribes. The reserved portion of the homeland is 1,130,000 acres in SW WA State.

## FAIR HOUSING: IT'S YOUR RIGHT!

Protected  
By Fair  
Housing  
Laws:



FEDERAL

WA STATE

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex / Gender
- Disability
- Familial Status (children in household)
- Marital Status
- Sexual Orientation/ Gender Identity
- Veteran/Military
- Citizenship / Immigration Status

The federal **Fair Housing Act (FHAct)**, provides protection, equal opportunity, and discrimination free housing on the basis of: race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, and familial status.

The **Washington State Law Against Discrimination (WLAD)** gives additional housing protections for: marital status, sexual orientation/gender identity, veteran/military status, and citizenship and immigration status.

The FHAct and WLAD cover all aspects of housing, including: advertisements, application and screening, rental and sales agreements, terms and conditions of tenancy or sale, lease renewals, termination of tenancy, and eviction.



### **CANNOT BE REFUSED A RENTAL, LOAN or SALE**

You cannot be refused a rental, denied a loan or a housing sale because you are American Indian or Alaska Native.

### **CANNOT BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY Because you are Native American or Alaska Native**

- You should be treated the same as other tenants
- You should not have to pay higher rent, a higher deposit, or higher mortgage interest
- You should not be harassed for being American Indian / Alaska Native
- You should get the same assistance with repairs as other tenants
- You should not be denied a home mortgage on fee land just because it is within a Reservation