



VAWA IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Affordable Housing & Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Residents
All Waiting List Applicants, and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Landlords**

From: Daytona Beach Housing Authority

**211 N. Ridgewood
Daytona Beach FL, 32114**

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA) was signed into law January 5, 2006, as Public Law 109-162.

Technical Amendments signed into law August 12, 2006 as Public Law 109-271.

What is It's Purpose?

- To reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- To prevent homelessness of the victims of such acts.
- To protect victims who reside in public housing and the housing choice voucher program.
- To ensure victims have access to criminal justice system without jeopardizing their housing.

When will this begin?

- It begins immediately

Definition – Domestic violence

- Felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by:
 - ✓ Current or former spouse of the victim, or person similarly situated to a spouse.
 - ✓ Person with whom victim shares a child in common.
 - ✓ By a person who cohabits with or has cohabitated with victim, or
 - ✓ By any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

Definition – 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 relationship shall be determined based on length and type of relationship; frequency of interactions with the person.

Immediate family means:

- A spouse, parent, brother, or sister, or child of that person or an individual to whom that person stands in loco parentis.
- Any other person living in the household and related to the victim by blood or marriage.

If you are in need of additional information, please contact your public housing or section 8 case manager.

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