



# 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**

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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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