



# Saint Joseph County Housing Authority

## SAINT JOSEPH COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY DRUG POLICY

### HUD 24 CFR 982.553

#### Denial of Admission and Termination of Assistance for Drug Use.

- a) Any household member is currently engaged in any illegal use of drug,
- b) A pattern of illegal use of a drug by any household member or their guests interferes with the health, enjoyment of the premises by other residents
- c) SJCHA will immediately terminate assistance for a family under the program if SJCHA determines that any member of the household has ever been convicted of drug-related criminal activity for manufacture or production of methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing.

#### Reasonable Cause for Concern

**If SJCHA received allegations, visually observes drug related items, or has concern for their safety, SJCHA may elect to have a Law Enforcement Officer accompany SJCHA staff for a Housing Quality Standard Inspection or Special Inspection.**

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read the Saint Joseph County Housing Authority drug policy for the Housing Choice Voucher Program. You understand that the use of drugs can prevent or terminate assistance offered under this program and that if there is reason to believe that there is drug use, Law Enforcement may be involved.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Household

\_\_\_\_\_  
Other Adult Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Head of Household

\_\_\_\_\_  
Other Adult Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Admissions/Eviction Policies for Public Housing/Voucher Lease Holders**

### **Admissions to Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs**

#### **What are the federal policies governing admission of individuals with a criminal record to Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs?**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) explicitly requires two bans based on criminal activity. HUD requires that all Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) establish lifetime bans on the admission to the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher (Tenant-Based Section 8) programs for:

- ☑ Individuals found to have manufactured or produced methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing (24 CFR 960.204, 24 CFR 982.553); and
- ☑ Sex offenders subject to a lifetime registration requirement under a State sex offender registration program (24 CFR 960.204, 24 CFR 982.553)

PHAs must also prohibit admission if (24 CFR 960.204, 24 CFR 982.553):

- ☑ The PHA determines that any household member is currently engaged in illegal drug use;
- ☑ The PHA has reasonable cause to believe that a household member's illegal drug use, alcohol use, or pattern of drug or alcohol abuse may threaten the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents ; or
- ☑ A household member of the applicant was evicted from federally assisted housing for drug-related criminal activity in the past three years. In this case, however, PHAs have the discretion to consider the circumstances and may admit households if:
  - the PHA determines that the evicted household member who engaged in drug-related criminal activity has successfully completed a supervised drug rehabilitation program, including those supervised by drug courts; or
  - that the circumstances that led to the eviction no longer exist (for example, the household member who engaged in criminal activity is now in prison).

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