

Moving Apartments as a Reasonable Accommodation

You may need to move to a different apartment as a reasonable accommodation. A reasonable accommodation is a change that helps you use and enjoy your home.

You may need to move if your disability makes your current apartment hard to use. For example, you may need:

- A first-floor apartment
- Fewer stairs
- An elevator
- An accessible bathroom

How to Ask for a Reasonable Accommodation

Tell your landlord that you need a reasonable accommodation because of your disability. Ask in writing. Keep a copy for your records.

Your landlord may ask for a letter from a doctor, therapist, counselor, or other licensed provider. The letter should explain why moving would help.

When You Can Move

Your landlord should talk to you about:

- When a new apartment might be available
- Getting on a waitlist for a new apartment

The landlord should talk to you to try to meet your disability-related needs.

If Your Housing Provider Says No

If your request is denied, ask for the reason in writing. Contact Disability Rights Rhode Island for help.

- Call: 401-831-3150
- Email: info@drri.org