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# Fair Housing Act assistance animal accommodation procedure

The Fair Housing Act applies to most housing in the US. In 2020, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued guidance about when a covered housing provider has to allow an animal as a disability accommodation for a (prospective) tenant. Consult [HUD's guidance](#) for details.

Psychiatric Service Dog Partners' procedure flowchart uses this guidance to more directly help you determine whether the Fair Housing Act requires an animal accommodation. Other federal, state, or local laws may apply.

Housing providers and tenants should each try to keep clear records of accommodation-related communication, including a provision/addendum for any rental agreement, so there is no room for confusion.

