

Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

To comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, as implemented by 49 CFR part 24 and HUD's regulations at 24 CFR part 8, the Agency must take steps to ensure that no displaced person with disabilities is excluded from participating in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in the provision of relocation assistance because of the person's disability. Such steps include:

- a) Determining the accessible features of housing from which persons with disabilities will be displaced, as well as any other accessible housing needs (49 CFR 24.205(a)(1) and section 2-2.B.2 of this Handbook). For public housing and Housing Choice Vouchers this could entail updating section 5 of form HUD-50058, Family Report.
- b) Ensuring that communications are effective (24 CFR 8.6) and that facilities for meetings, counseling, and other informational activities are accessible (24 CFR 8.21).
- c) Providing reasonable accommodations (e.g., providing transportation assistance to locate comparable housing) at the request of a displaced person who is disabled (24 CFR 8.4). See also Departmental program notices – for example: Notice CPD-05-10 (CDBG), CPD-05-09 (HOME), PIH 2006-13 (public housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs), PIH 2006-38 (NAHASDA), and H 04-19 (Section 202, Section 811, and insured multifamily housing). (Also see 49 CFR 24.205(c)) and Paragraph 2-4 of this Handbook.)
- e) If comparable replacement housing is not available on a timely basis, using replacement housing of last resort (See 49 CFR 24.404 and Paragraph 3-8 of this Handbook).
- f) Inspecting replacement housing to ensure that it is decent, safe, and sanitary – e.g., free of barriers to the person's ingress, egress, adequate in size to accommodate the occupants, and includes other features to meet the accessibility needs of the displaced person with disabilities (49 CFR 24.2(a)(8)(vii) and Paragraph 3-7(A) of this Handbook).
- g) Maintaining records of the above steps and making them available for inspection by HUD (24 CFR 8.55).

