



HOUSING ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

HOUSING CRISIS

Shelter Diversion Line

(804) 972-0813

If you are homeless or will lose housing within the next three days, call the Housing Crisis Line for help and alternatives to emergency shelter.

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Homeless Point of Entry

(804) 648-4177

Located At: 511 W. Grace Street- Richmond, VA- 23230

PUBLIC HOUSING

Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA)

(804) 780-4908

*Applications for Public Housing can be found online at www.rrha.com

*The current wait time for housing availability is 18-24 months

*To apply for Public Housing, please call or visit RRHA at their Tenant Selection Offices:

918 Chamberlayne Parkway-Richmond, VA-23220

HOUSING VOUCHERS

Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA)

(804) 780-4361

Housing Choice Voucher Program (*formerly Section 8*) is not currently accepting applications

*This program periodically opens their wait-list for applications. Check with them often for information.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Commonwealth Catholic Charities (*Tuesdays 1:00pm and Thursdays 9:30am only*)

(804)285-5986

FISH (*Eastern Henrico Residents only*)

(804)257-7730

*23222, 23223, 23231, 23150, and 23075



WHEN FACING EVICTION

Evictions on your record will seriously damage your credit rating, so avoid them at all costs!

- ✓ **TALK** with your landlord. Make them aware of your circumstances and let them know what steps you are taking to make a payment.
- ✓ **TALK** with family and friends. They may be able to provide financial assistance or allow you to stay with them temporarily.
- ✓ **DO PAY** what you can. A landlord may be more flexible if you are making payments towards the balance.
- ✓ **ATTEND** court. Don't skip out on an eviction hearing! Judges and landlords see your attendance as a sign that you are taking the issue seriously.
- ✓ **PREPARE** yourself for eviction. Make a plan for temporary housing with family or friends. Contact the **Homeless Point of Entry** at (804) 648-4177 for emergency shelter (the waiting list may be for several weeks).

FEEL THAT YOU ARE BEING WRONGFULLY EVICTED?

Virginia Legal Aid

(866) 534-5243

<http://www.valegalaid.org/issues/housing/evictions>

RENTING, HOMEOWNERSHIP, AND FORECLOSURE

For information on rentals, first time homebuyer programs, and foreclosure assistance

Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) www.phonehome.org

(804) 354-0641

Virginia Housing Development Authority www.vhda.com

(877) 428-8844

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN HENRICO COUNTY



ONLINE PROPERTY SEARCH



DOWNLOAD an Apartment Search APP on your phone

If you don't have a computer, visit your local library for FREE internet access to help with your housing search!
Start with these useful Websites:

- ❖ www.socialserve.com
- ❖ www.virginiahousingsearch.com
- ❖ www.apartmentfinder.com
- ❖ www.forrent.com
- ❖ www.apartmentguide.com
- ❖ www.craigslist.com



BEFORE SIGNING A LEASE:

To prevent any unwanted surprises after moving in, consider asking the following questions:

- ✓ How much is the application fee? _____
 - ✓ How much is the security deposit? _____
 - ✓ When is rent due each month? _____
 - ✓ How much is a late fee? _____
 - ✓ What methods of payment do you accept? _____
 - ✓ Do you require a credit check? _____
 - ✓ Do you require a criminal history check? _____
 - ✓ What schools will my children attend? _____
 - ✓ How far is it from my child's daycare? _____
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WAYS TO SAVE!

Consider A Roommate: Cut Your Rent in HALF!

- Talk with friends to see if they would consider rooming with you
- See if friends or family know someone looking for a place to share
- If you feel comfortable, search <http://www.craigslist.com> for other individuals seeking shared housing

Avoid Month-To-Month Leases

- Month to month leases usually cost an additional \$25-\$50 per month (or more!)
- Signing a year-long lease can save you \$300-\$600 per year

Search Newspapers and Online Postings (craigslist, etc.)

- Private landlords may have more flexibility than large apartment complexes and might be willing to negotiate rent.
- Private landlords may not require a credit or criminal history check.

Offer to Help

- See if your landlord will reduce the rent in exchange for help around the property (example: consider offering to spread mulch, mow grass, paint vacant units, etc.)