

Perry Metropolitan Housing Authority
Section 8 Program
26 Brown Circle Drive
Crooksville, Ohio 43731
Commonly Asked Questions

These are not all-inclusive solutions, but merely suggestions for how to handle various situations that may occur. The Section 8 staff is available to assist with additional concerns or problems.

Q: What should I do before signing a lease?

A: Conduct a personal inspection of the unit; the inspector doesn't look for cosmetic beauty. Make sure you want to live there because the lease requires occupancy for one year. **READ THE LEASE:** make sure you understand your obligations.

Q: May I move into the unit as soon as I find one?

A: The PHA cannot tell you and the owner what date you may move in. But we can tell you when we will begin the contract and payments on your behalf. If the unit has not passed this agency's inspection and you have moved into the unit, you are responsible for the rent.

Q: What happens if I cannot pay my rent?

A: Always pay your rent. There are times when situations may prevent you from complying. The decision as to what happens depends on the owner. Some owners choose to evict immediately. Contact your Landlord and resolve the problem. Serious or repeated violation of the lease such as eviction for non-payment of the rent, utilities that are shut off, or damage to the unit beyond normal wear and tear can result in termination of the Section 8 Assistance.

Q: What procedure should I follow if repairs are needed?

A: Contact the owner. If the owner has not responded in a timely manner, write a letter to the landlord that explains the problem and send a copy of that same letter to the Section 8 Office. If you caused the damages, you are responsible for the repairs.

Q: What should I do if my income changes?

A: Contact the Section 8 Office within 10 days. An appointment will be necessary. There will be paperwork to complete at the office in order to make the income change.

Q: What must I do to keep my Section 8 Housing?

A: Follow the rules and regulations of the housing program and follow the lease. Each year, the Housing Authority is required to complete an Annual Reexamination. It is essential that you keep scheduled appointments with our office and the inspector.

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Please read the Obligations of Voucher Participants, Tenant Grievance Policy and Procedure that you received today in the briefing. A Landlord list will be provided if needed.

We hope the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program will be a benefit to you and your family. If you have any questions, please call our office.

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