

Plattsburgh Housing Authority Violence Against Women Act of 2013 (VAWA)

The Violence Against Women Act of 2013 (VAWA) prohibits denial of admission to an otherwise qualified applicant on the basis that the applicant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

In Section 601(2) of the VAWA it is noted that nothing in the VAWA provisions “shall be construed to supersede any provision of any Federal, State, or local law that provides greater protection... for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.”

PHA Confidentiality Requirements

All information provided to the PHA regarding domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including the fact that an individual is a victim of such violence or stalking, must be retained in confidence. This means that the PHA (1) may not enter the information into any shared database, (2) may not allow employees or others to access the information unless they are explicitly authorized to do so and have a need to know the information for purposes of their work, and (3) may not provide the information to any other entity or individual, except to the extent that the disclosure is (a) requested or consented to by the individual in writing, (b) required for use in an eviction proceeding, or (c) otherwise required by applicable law.

Contacts

Plattsburgh City Police
45 Pine Street
Plattsburgh NY 12901
518-563-3411

STOP Domestic Violence
22 U.S. Oval
Plattsburgh NY 12903
518-563-6904 or 1-888-563-6904 (outside Plattsburgh area)

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline www.loveisrespect.org
1-866-331-9474

National Domestic Violence Hot Line
1-800-799-SAFE(7233) or 1-800-787-3244 (TTY)