



Ledyard Housing Authority

Live-In Caregiver Policy

The Ledyard Housing Authority adopts the following policy for the purpose of Live-In Caregivers

The definition of a live-in caregiver is a person who resides with one or more elderly persons, near-elderly persons, or persons with disabilities, and who:

1. Is determined to be essential to the care and well-being of the person(s);
2. Is not obligated for the support of the person(s); and
3. Would not be living in the unit except to provide the necessary supportive services.

To have a live-in caregiver, a tenant would have to meet the Fair Housing Act definition of handicapped or disabled; otherwise, the aide would not be essential to the care and well-being of the tenant.

The Ledyard Housing Authority will provide reasonable accommodations for tenants, per written requests, for live-in caregivers. The documentation shall include a letter of verification and need from the doctor (or other professional) who has knowledge about the disability and a need for a live-in caregiver.

The tenant is solely responsible for the conduct of the caregiver and any lease violations. The caregiver shall adhere to all of the guidelines stipulated by The Ledyard Housing Authority but is not entitled to the protections or provisions of the lease. The guidelines include criminal background screening and verification from the caregiver's employer. The caregiver resides in the unit solely to provide support services for the tenant with a disability and relinquishes all rights to the unit.

The live-in caregiver qualifies for occupancy only as long as the disabled tenant requires the live-in caregiver's services and remains a tenant. The live-in caregiver may not qualify for continuing occupancy and will not be converted to a household member. The live-in caregiver's income is excluded from household income.

In the event the live-in caregiver refuses to consent to the screening, The Ledyard Housing Authority has the right to deny residency. In the event the live-in caregiver does not pass the background screening because of a record of disturbance to neighbors, destruction of property, criminal activity, such as, physical violence, drug related criminal activity or is on the sexual offenders list The Ledyard Housing Authority has the right to deny residency, offering an appeals process.

The tenant has the right to request another caregiver at any time, whom will have to go through the steps identified in the screening process above.

In the event the tenant moves out or is deceased, the live-in caregiver will be responsible for vacating the unit within seven (7) days. If the caregiver refuses to vacate the unit, under the Connecticut General Statutes, the Ledyard Housing Authority will begin eviction proceedings.

If the live-in caregiver is 62 years and older or is receiving social security disability, they can request an application for tenancy.

Executive Director _____

Date _____

Tenant _____

Date _____

Live-In Caregiver _____

Date _____