

HOARDING SAMPLE

It is the policy of the AHA to work with individuals that suffer from hoarding tendencies, and to provide those individuals exhibiting a need, with reasonable accommodations. Hoarding issues will be addressed in a respectful, consistent, and timely manner utilizing a multi-disciplinary approach to ensure maintaining tenancy, preserving housing units, and ensuring an environment that is conducive to a high quality of life for all tenants.

The Executive Director is empowered to develop and implement an AHA hoarding intervention and retention housing program. Additional responsibilities include developing a risk assessment, forming a multi-disciplinary team, and creating written standard operating procedures to ensure that exhaustive actions are taken to allow individuals the opportunities to remain in their homes.

The AHA Hoarding policy refers to all individual tenants residing in AHA housing dwellings; specifically, those individuals that present common symptoms and behaviors of hoarding, and due to these behaviors suffer a diminished quality of life. These symptoms and behaviors may include but are not limited to the following:

- Inability to throw away possessions
- Anxiety when throwing away possessions
- Difficulty organizing possessions, and indecision on storage of items
- Overwhelmed or embarrassed by possessions
- Suspicion of other individuals handling possessions
- Obsessive thoughts and actions
- Useful space impairments due to living space
- Financial difficulties
- Health hazards caused by care of possessions
- Social isolation and familial stress