

RARE EXCEPTIONS

Under certain limited circumstances, rare exceptions may be made to the legal requirement to make reasonable accommodations or modifications to a home.

The primary reason for such exceptions is if the reasonable accommodation or modification would present an undue administrative or financial burden on the housing provider or constitute a fundamental alteration to a program. One example of this could be a designated historic property that would require complete reconstruction to widen access points like doors and hallways.

It is important for property managers or owners to consult with legal counsel about such potential exceptions before offering the home for rent. Should the exception be justified, the housing provider still has a legal requirement to work with the person requesting the modification or accommodation to try to find a reasonable alternate accommodation or modification that would effectively address the requester's disability-related needs.

It is always a good practice for housing providers and requesters to work together in an interactive, collaborative process to find the right modification or accommodation to fit the situation. Learn more from the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#).