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Looking for a place to live when you suffer from any type of physical disability can be incredibly frustrating. Not only must you go through all the typical stresses of finding a safe, comfortable home with an aesthetically pleasing environment, but you must also look for handicap accessibility. If you're looking on your own, the search can be long and difficult.

Marcy\* was diagnosed with Tourettes syndrome at the age of sixteen. Due to this disease, she is unable to work and thus is forced to depend on the government for money. "Do you know how much the states give us to live on each month?" her friend Joan\* asks, "It's not even poverty level." Due to a lack of funding, Marcy had to move back home. "It makes me feel like I'll never be able to have my own place," she says, "I'll always depend on someone... and that's not my idea of fun."

Joan also suffers from a disability which prevents her from working. Due to a rare neuro-muscular disease called Kearns-Sayre syndrome, she will soon be wheelchair-bound. "When people buy or rent places they don't have to think about two years down the road. I have to. I know I have to be on the ground level. No stairs. Inside there must be lower counters. The bathrooms must be accessible. There have to be ramps." Looking for somewhere meeting all of those requirements which also fit into her budget was difficult. "It made me feel alienated."

The California State Independent Living Council (SILC) recently conducted a study on the impact of housing availability, accessibility, and affordability on people with disabilities. According to the study, "More than any other population group, people with disabilities are more likely to experience acute housing problems: problems of stigma and discrimination, affordability, and access to safe and decent housing."

The study found that 21.0% of the population of people with disabilities (PWD) are unable to work. For those that are able to find a fitting job, the per capita income among PWD is only 59.7% of that of the general population. These people are forced to find housing that will fit their budget, while fitting their accessibility needs.

In order to help the disabled in the frustrating – and sometimes unsuccessful attempts at finding a fitting place to live, the National Accessible Apartment Clearinghouse (NAAC) provides them with a free service. NAAC is represented in over 43 States and over 155 major metropolitan areas nation-wide.

"Our Staff searches the accessible apartment database of over 46,000 specially designed apartments based on residents needs and desired locations. Prospective residents will then receive a listing of all the accessible apartments in their geographical area of choice. The listings include the accessible features of each apartment community and individual apartment home."

NAAC maintains the only national database of accessible apartments. Since NAAC is a non-profit organization, and all services provided are free, you needn't worry about losing any money. You can contact the NAAC by calling 1-800-421-1221 or emailing them at: [clearinghouse@naahq.com](mailto:clearinghouse@naahq.com).

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## **BREAKING A LEASE**

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I would like to break my lease because I would like to move in with a friend so I can save money to return to school in the fall. I still have about 6 months left on my lease. What can I do?

Thanks, eddie

Dear Eddie,

The first thing to do is read your lease carefully. Some leases have what is called a "lease breaking clause" which will tell you exactly what to do as well as how much it will cost you. There is usually a fee associated with it. But there are also those leases which do not give you an out. You must remember that a lease is a legally binding contract to which you are obligated. Now for the good news – if you should break the lease and move out, your landlord is obligated to mitigate any damages. That means he must attempt to re-rent your apartment. To do so he may also charge you with any marketing expenses associated with the releasing of your apartment along with any other fees. If for some reason market conditions prevent him from finding a qualified renter to move in right away, you will be held responsible for the rent until an appropriate tenant is found to take your place.

There will also be other fees associated with moving in another renter. In the apartment world it is called a "turn-over fee". These fees are connected with preparing the unit for a new renter. Did the landlord have to send in a painter and/or cleaner in order to re-rent your apartment? Charges such as

these can also be charged to you as well.

If you feel that your landlord did not treat you fairly, contact a lawyer who has experience in landlord–tenant law. You may want to explore your options.

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