



ONE STRIKE POLICY

The One Strike Policy of the Pekin Housing Authority applies to applicants as well as current residents.

In compliance with the Housing Opportunity Act of 1996, the Housing Authority of the City of Pekin has adopted a One Strike or “Zero Tolerance” Policy with respect to violation of the lease terms regarding criminal activity.

Under the One Strike Policy, the Housing Authority will conduct criminal background checks on all individuals listed on an application who are 17 years of age or older.

Persons who have been evicted from Public Housing, Indian Housing, any Section 23 or Section 8 housing programs because of drug-related activity are ineligible for admission to the Housing Authority for a three-year period beginning with the date of each eviction unless:

1. The person demonstrates successful completion of a rehabilitation program approved by the Housing Authority, or
2. The person involved in drugs is no longer in the household.

Verification of the fact will be required. The family member involved in drug-related criminal activity will be considered a trespasser on Housing Authority property.

The Housing Authority will not admit applicants into Public Housing when there is a pattern of illegal use of a controlled substance, cannabis or alcohol abuse, or the illegal possession of a methamphetamine manufacturing chemical with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine which may interfere with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents.

Drug-related criminal activity is (a) the illegal manufacture, sale, distribution, use, or possession with the intent to manufacture, sell, distribute, or use a controlled substance; or (b) the illegal possession of a methamphetamine manufacturing chemical with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine.

The Housing Authority may find ineligible for admission to Public Housing individuals who have committed violent crimes or any other crimes which would pose a threat to the life, health, safety, or peaceful enjoyment of the residents.



Any resident who is determined to be participating in drug-related criminal activity by the Housing Authority may have his/her lease terminated.