

# DV Housing Prioritization Tool

Fill in the client's identification number and answer each question by marking an x in the white box that corresponds with the client's answer. Total the columns at the bottom to find the client's score. Make sure this tool has exactly eight x's when complete.

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- 1) **Personal ID**
- 2) **Number of Bedrooms Needed**
- 3) **Housing Status**  
 Category 1 – Homeless  
 Category 2 – At imminent risk of losing housing  
 Category 3 – Homeless only under other federal statutes  
 Category 4 – Fleeing domestic violence
- 4) **Does the client have a disabling condition that is expected to be of long duration and substantially limits the client's ability to live on their own?**  
 No  
 Yes
- 5) **Length of time homeless**  
 One night or less  
 Two nights to 89 days  
 90 days or more, but less than one year  
 One year or longer
- 6) **Total Monthly Income**  
 \$0-500  
 \$501-1000  
 \$1001-2000  
 \$2000 +
- 7) **Is the client a survivor of domestic violence?**  
 No  
 Yes, Within the past six months  
 Yes, From six to twelve months ago  
 Yes, More than a year ago
- 8) **General Health Status**  
 Excellent  
 Good  
 Poor  
 Very Poor
- 9) **Do you feel that your race has prevented you from obtaining or retaining housing?**  
 No  
 Yes
- 10) **Do you feel that your gender identity, sexual orientation, age, family status, or immigration status has prevented you from obtaining or retaining housing?**  
 No  
 Yes

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This tool was developed by the Ohio Domestic Violence Homelessness Management Information System (DV HMIS) Workgroup convened by the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO). The purpose of this tool is to provide information to housing agencies for appropriate referrals in accordance with their local Continuum of Care (CoC) processes. The scoring is not meant to be used in conjunction with any other tool but instead to prioritize clients who have been assessed with this tool. Please email [ohioboscoc@cohhio.org](mailto:ohioboscoc@cohhio.org) with any questions about this tool or its use.

## Question Descriptions

The descriptions below help to describe to the client the purpose of each question.

### Question 1: Personal ID

Your personal ID is an assigned number used to help prioritize you for housing without using your name.

### Question 2: Number of Bedrooms Needed

Knowing the number of bedrooms that you need helps us to match you with appropriate housing. The number of bedrooms you select does not move you up or down on the housing priority list.

### Question 3: Housing Status

In order to qualify for specific housing assistance programs, the office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires specific categories of homelessness in order to meet eligibility requirements. When meeting with your housing advocate, it is important to share with them which of the options best describes your current housing situation.

### Question 4: Disabling Condition

There are some housing programs that specifically address the needs of those with varying abilities. In order to meet these eligibility requirements, you will be encouraged to share any specialized needs you might have. Disclosing these needs will not prohibit you from receiving housing or participating in these specialized programs.

### Question 5: Length of Time Homeless

Identifying the length of time that you have been homeless or seeking housing will assist your housing advocate in determining your housing priority and needs.

### Question 6: Total Monthly Income

Your housing advocate will need to determine your income in order to share which housing program options you may qualify for. It is important that you disclose your income accurately in order to determine eligibility for the housing program that is best for you and your family.

### Question 7: Survivor of Domestic Violence

There are some housing programs that are specific to the needs of domestic violence survivors. If you have experienced domestic violence or are currently fleeing domestic violence, it is important to share this information with your housing advocate. This information will be confidential and not shared except to coordinate services for you with your permission.

### **Question 8: General Health Status**

Identifying your health status will allow your housing advocate to determine the housing program that is best for you based on the health needs of you and your family.

### **Question 9: Discrimination Based on Race**

In order to make housing fair and equitable for everyone, it is important to identify incidents of possible past or present issues of discrimination. Federal HUD guidelines and Ohio housing programs all prohibit discrimination based on race. If you feel that you have been discriminated against in the past due to your racial identity, please share the experience with your housing advocate. Information will only be shared to help prioritize you for a housing placement.

### **Question 10: Discrimination Based on Status or Identification**

In order to make housing fair and equitable for everyone, it is important to identify incidents of possible past or present issues of discrimination. Federal HUD guidelines and Ohio housing programs all prohibit discrimination based on gender identity, sexual orientation, age, family status, or immigration status. If you feel that you have been discriminated against in the past due to your identification with any status, please share the experience with your housing advocate. Information will only be shared to help prioritize you for a housing placement.