

## Chapter 5

### OCCUPANCY GUIDELINES

#### INTRODUCTION

The Occupancy Guidelines are established by HANO to ensure that families of the appropriate size occupy units. This policy maintains the maximum usefulness of the units, while preserving them from excessive wear and tear or underutilization. This Chapter explains the Occupancy Guidelines used to determine minimum and maximum unit sizes for various sized families when they are selected from the waiting list, or when a family's size changes, or when a family requests an exception to the occupancy guidelines.

#### A. DETERMINING UNIT SIZE

Neither HANO nor its Agents will determine who shares a bedroom, but there must be at least one person per bedroom. HANO's Occupancy Guideline standards for determining unit size shall be applied in a manner consistent with Fair Housing guidelines.

For occupancy standards, an adult is a person 18 years or older or an emancipated minor. All guidelines in this section relate to the number of bedrooms in the unit.

Dwelling units will be so assigned that:

- Generally, one bedroom for two people will be assigned within the following guidelines:
- Adults of different generations, persons of the opposite sex (other than spouses), and unrelated adults will not be required to share a bedroom.
- Separate bedrooms should be allocated for persons of the opposite sex (other than adults who have a spousal or interdependent relationship ~~and children less than 5 years~~).
- Foster children will be included in determining unit size only if they will be in the unit for more than 6 months.
- Live-in attendants will generally be provided a separate bedroom, but is not mandatory that live-in attendants have a separate bedroom. No additional bedrooms are provided for the attendant's family.
- Space may be provided for a child who is away at school but who lives with the family during school recesses.
- Space will not be provided for a family member who will be absent most of the time, such as a member who is away in the military.
- Single person families shall be allocated one bedroom.