## **Coordinated Resources for** Homelessness and Housing Assistance

## EmpowerNet Hotline 🔊 empower net

Domestic and sexual violence 24/7 call or text: 804-612-6126 www.ywcarichmond.org



Help with housing, food, childcare, employment, and more help1rva.org

### Homeless Connection Line



Currently or within 3 days of experiencing homelessness 804-972-0813, Mon - Fri 8am to 9pm Sat - Sun 1 pm to 9pm hclrva.org

Immediate danger: 9-1-1 Suicide and crisis lifeline: 9-8-8

#### Housing Resource Line

Help navigating housing needs 804-422-5061, Mon - Fri, 8:30am to 4:30pm



pharva.com/the-housing-resource-line

## **Senior Connections**

Advocacy and services for older adults 804-343-3000

seniorconnections-va.org





More resources linked here.



For more information or to learn how to get involved in community efforts to reduce homelessness and support housing stability, contact info@homewardva.org.



Tips provided by Key Hunters, a program of Housing Families First. www.housingfamiliesfirst.org

## **Housing Search Tips**

#### Housing Search Engines:

- Apartments.com
- <u>Zillow.com</u>
- Hotpads.com
- <u>Apartmentfinder.com</u>
- <u>Zumper.com</u>
- <u>Affordablehousing.com</u>

#### Filter the search to fit your needs:

- Unit size
- Location
- Price range
- Amenities

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#### Helpful Housing Search Questions:

- What are the income requirements, and do I meet them?
- What are the background check requirements? Do I meet them? If not, is the unit able to be flexible?
- When is the unit available? Is it in a timeframe that will help me quickly end my housing crisis?
- What things are important to me to have in a unit (pets, location, parking, etc.)?
- What can I be flexible on if neccesary to end my housing crisis?
- Does this unit meet my current housing needs?

#### **Avoid Rental Scams!**

- Be cautious giving personal info over the phone or online.
- View the listing in person. Don't go alone or tell someone where you are going.
- Make sure the listing shows lots of photos of the unit.
- Don't make a security deposit before signing the lease.
- Make sure you are signing a legally binding lease agreement.

