



Housing Choice Voucher Program & Executive Office Building  
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## **EXTERIOR DOOR & PEEPHOLE - CLARIFICATION**

**Housing Choice Voucher Program**

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The Abilene Housing Authority would like to clarify its policy as it relates to exterior doors and peepholes. To assist in this effort, the following guidance has been incorporated; according to the Texas Property Code, subchapter D, sections 92.151-92.170 regarding exterior doors and peepholes the following will apply:

**SECTION 92.153: DEVICES REQUIRED WITHOUT NECESSITY OF TENANT REQUEST.** (a) Except as provided by Subsections (b), (e), (f), (g), and (h) and without necessity of request by the tenant, a dwelling must be equipped with:

- *A doorknob lock or keyed dead bolt on each exterior door;*
- *A permanently installed device in an exterior door that allows a person inside the dwelling to view a person outside the door. The device must be a peephole having a barrel with a one-way lens of glass or other substance providing an angle view of not less than 160 degrees. Clear glass pane or one-way mirror is also acceptable;*
- *Exterior door means a door providing access from a dwelling interior to the exterior. The term includes a door between a living area and a garage but does not include a glass or screen door. An exterior door can also include a door leading into a common hallway as in a multi-family building.*

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!**

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