



Serving elderly, disabled & low income citizens of
Bristol and Sullivan County, Tennessee

CRIMINAL TRESPASS POLICY

Individuals who engage in certain prohibited activities will be barred from all properties owned and/or managed by Bristol Housing (BH) in accordance with T.C.A. § 39-14-405.

BH will prepare and maintain a "Criminal Trespass List" containing the names of individuals who have been barred from BH property. The Criminal Trespass List will be posted in a conspicuous place at each of the properties owned and/or managed by BH. In addition, BH will make every effort to personally notify each person who has been placed on the Criminal Trespass List. A copy of the Criminal Trespass List will also be provided to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

BH has developed categories of offenses which may support the inclusion of an individual on BH's Criminal Trespass List. The following examples of prohibited behaviors/activities are not intended to be exclusive. An individual may be barred from BH property for any violation of law or BH Rules and Regulations or if it is believed that the person has become a threat or has exhibited behaviors that would threaten the health, safety or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other tenants.

CATEGORY I: Individuals who commit certain crimes may be permanently barred from entering onto property owned and/or managed by BH. These "Category I" crimes include: murder, rape, aggravated assault, child molestation, repeated drug activities and repeated violations of law or BH Rules and Regulations.

CATEGORY II: An individual who is found by BH to have committed a "Category II" offense may be barred from entering onto BH property for a period of up to three (3) years. Category II offenses include: Possession of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia for any purpose, robbery, assault, domestic violence, stalking, theft, larceny, burglary, arson, or repeated violations of state law or BH Rules and Regulations.

CATEGORY III: BH may bar an individual from entering onto BH property for a period of one (1) year upon a finding that the individual has committed a "Category III" offense which includes: fighting, public intoxication, disturbing the peace, and other violations of state law or BH Rules and Regulations.

Service of bar notice may be performed by any agent of Bristol Housing, but the decision to bar any individual from BH property shall be approved at the sole discretion of BH's executive director or his designee. A conviction under state or federal law is *not* required to support the decision to bar any individual from entering onto BH property. An individual who wishes to have his or her name removed from the Criminal Trespass List must make a written application for removal to the Executive Director of BH or designee. All relevant circumstances will be considered and a written decision will be provided advising the applicant of BH's decision. No individual will be removed from the Criminal Trespass List without submitting a written application followed by a written decision from the Executive Director or designee.