

# NAHMA Analysis



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### Housing Notice H 01-02 Section 504 Fair Housing Compliance February 6, 2001

Over the next couple of weeks appearing in a mailbox near you , will be a copy of the reissued Section 504 regulations, in Housing Notice Form.

There are no changes in 504 contained here. This notice is a condensed restatement of the existing regulation. Quoting directly from page 2, "*While many participants in the HUD programs listed above are doing an excellent job of meeting their obligation to ensure nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in their programs and services, other HUD program participants may not be in compliance with the subject laws and implementing regulations. **To achieve maximum compliance, this Notice will serve to emphasize the importance of compliance.***" (Emphasis ours)

The only notable departure from earlier published versions is the reference several places that the regulations apply equally to owners, architects, contractors and others doing work on a site. This has been true from the start.

A full copy of the notice is posted on the NAHMA Website; [www.NAHMA.org](http://www.NAHMA.org) on the Member pages for you to download and distribute if you wish.

*George's Spin - If it has been a while since you have reviewed this and the other Fair Housing rules we suggest that you should get a copy of our new Fair Housing book, which has extensive materials on Section 504 compliance and a lot of real world examples of how the regulations apply. Single copies are \$32.50 for members, \$35.00 for non members, multiple copy discounts are available, call or drop us an E-Mail to order, we can handle orders over the phone using your credit card. Billing is available to NAHMA members. The book is an eligible site expense, every member of the staff should have a copy. Fair Housing compliance is important, the cost of not doing things right is very high, this reminder should be taken seriously.*