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Public Services (electric, water & garbage services)



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## Legal Requirement for Providing Language Services and Contact Information for Federal Agencies

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- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is a Federal law that protects persons from discrimination based on their race, color, or national origin, that includes protections for people who don’t speak, read, or write English. Similar requirements are contained in: the Affordable Care Act (for health providers); and the Equal Educational Opportunities Act and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (for public schools).
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- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs,**  
Call Toll Free: 1-800-669-9777 (or 1-800-927-9275 for TTY); Email: [ComplaintsOffice06@hud.gov](mailto:ComplaintsOffice06@hud.gov)
- U.S. Department of Education;** Call Toll Free: 1-800-421-3481 (or 1-800-877-8339 for TTY);  
Email: [ocr@ed.gov](mailto:ocr@ed.gov).
- U.S. Department of Transportation;** Call Toll Free: 1-202-366-4648 (or 202-366-9696 for TTY);  
Email: not provided
- Other Federal Agency:**  
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