

***“Fair Housing is not an option. It is your right!”***



## What is Fair Housing?

Fair housing is the right to choose housing free from unlawful discrimination.

The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they are renting or buying a home, getting a mortgage, seeking housing assistance, or engaging in other housing-related activities.



# Fair Housing Rights

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## Under the Fair Housing Act, it is Against the Law to:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing
- Tell you housing is unavailable, when in fact, it is available.
- Show you apartments or homes only in certain neighborhoods.
- Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling.
- Advertise housing to preferred groups of people only.
- Refuse to provide you with information regarding mortgage loans, deny you a mortgage loan, or impose different terms or conditions on a mortgage loan.
- Deny you property insurance.
- Refuse to let you make reasonable modifications to your dwelling or common use areas, at your expense, if it may be necessary for you to fully use the housing.
- Refuse reasonable accommodations regarding a service animal or an assistance animal to a person with a disability.

## It is Unlawful to Discriminate in Housing Based on These Factors:

- Race or color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians; pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18)
- Disability
- Use of guide or support animals or trainer of support or guide animals

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*You may file a complaint electronically by visiting:*

[www.hud.gov/fairhousing/fileacomplaint](http://www.hud.gov/fairhousing/fileacomplaint)

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## What to Do if You Have Experienced Housing Discrimination

### Document the Situation

When documenting a fair housing issue please include:

- Your name and address
- The name and address of the person your complaint is against (the respondent)
- The address or other identification of the housing involved
- A short description of the alleged violation (the event that caused you to believe your rights were violated)
- The date(s) of the alleged violation

### File A Complaint

If you believe your rights have been violated, contact HUD's Fair Housing Hub or a State or local fair housing agency to help you file a complaint. After your information is received, you will be contacted to discuss your concerns.

Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and use a TTY, may call those offices through the toll-free Federal Information Relay System at 1-800-877-8339.