

# WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST

Make immediate, detailed notes of your experience: date, time, place, names of agents or landlords, what you saw, what you were told, etc.



CALL Hope House at  
(419) 425-4673

to receive information to determine if it is a fair housing issue

OR

You can apply with Legal Aid at  
1 (888) 534-1432

OR

Call the Ohio Civil Rights Commission at 1 (888) 278-7101



Help us put an end to housing discrimination by reporting unfair housing practices.



In order for the Ohio Civil Rights Commission or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to act on a complaint, it must be filed within ONE YEAR of the violation.



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**FAIR HOUSING**  
It's your right



# FAIR HOUSING INFORMATION

Fair Housing means that you have a right to choose where you can afford to live. Housing discrimination is illegal in the United States.

State and Federal laws prevent landlords from denying you housing because of:

RACE

COLOR

RELIGION

SEX

NATIONAL ORIGIN

MILITARY STATUS

ANCESTRY

FAMILIAL STATUS

- One or more individuals under the age of 18 living with a parent or guardian
- Any person who is pregnant or in the process of securing legal custody of a minor

DISABILITIES

- Physical or mental impairments
- Emotional Disorders
- Serious impairments in eyesight, hearing, or speech
- Specific diseases, such as AIDS
- Alcoholism and those recovering from drug addiction

## HOW THE FAIR HOUSING LAWS PROTECT YOU

Section 41112.02(H) of the Ohio Revised Code states that, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability, it is unlawful to:

Refuse to rent, sell, finance, or insure housing accommodations, or residential property

Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental of a house or apartment

Deny housing to families with children

Say that accommodations are unavailable for inspection, sale, or rental when they are available

Refuse to consider without prejudice the combined income of both spouses

Print, publish, or circulate any statement or advertisement which would indicate preference or limitation

Manipulation by showing only apartments or homes in certain neighborhoods so as to create or maintain ethnically or racially segregated neighborhoods

## WHAT DISCRIMINATION LOOKS LIKE

Landlords will seldom discriminate directly against race, gender, etc. Often, discrimination is subtle. What you will probably hear is something like this:



"We take younger children, but we don't accept teenagers."

"This complex isn't the best for your child because we don't have a playground."

"Sorry, a parent and child cannot share a bedroom."

"You are pregnant so this apartment is not big enough for you."

"This apartment is upstairs and children are too noisy when they live upstairs."



## Exceptions to Fair Housing Law

- A Senior Complex
- An establishment in which at least 80% of the units have residents 55 or older