

THE FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM

HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IS ILLEGAL

Fair Housing is a right protected by federal and state laws. Fair housing means you may freely choose a place to live without regard to your race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or because you are disabled or have children in your family.

FAIR HOUSING OPENS DOORS

...but only with your help. Learn to recognize the signs of discrimination in rental, sales, lending and insurance.

HOW DO YOU RECOGNIZE DISCRIMINATION?

Housing discrimination is rarely blatant. It is often disguised with a handshake and a smile. Your fair housing rights are violated when you are prevented from doing the following because of your race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or family status. This could occur for example when viewing or renting an apartment ; viewing or purchasing a home; applying for or securing a home loan ; and purchasing homeowners or renters insurance.

FAIR HOUSING IS YOUR RIGHT

IS HERE TO HELP YOU BY - answering your housing questions, assisting you in finding the right answers, providing education on your rights and responsibilities, assisting you in filing a fair housing complaint. The Fair Housing Program offers assistance to everyone and there is no fee for this service.

IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY - The Fair Housing Act protects people with mental retardation, mental illness, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, visual and hearing impairments, AIDS and those who use walkers, wheelchairs, companion animals or a personal care attendant.

IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN - You cannot be denied housing simply because you have children. The law protects pregnant women, families with children, adults serving as guardians for children, and those in the process of obtaining legal custody of children.

IF YOU ARE HARASSED - If you are being threatened, coerced, harassed, or intimidated because of your race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, family status or because of the race of your relatives or visitors, **call your local F.B.I. , police and the local Fair Housing Office.**



FOR FAIR HOUSING DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

CALL:

**CITY OF SANDUSKY FAIR
HOUSING PROGRAM
240 COLUMBUS AVE.
SANDUSKY, OH. 44870
800-850-0467 TDY 800-750-0750**

FAIR HOUSING...

Fair Housing for all is the law. It is unlawful to deny people the opportunity to live where they want and can afford. If you feel you are being treated unfairly, take the following steps:

1. Keep a record of any meetings and phone calls with the landlord, the property manager, real estate agent, loan officer or insurance agent. Include the person's name, title, the meeting date and time.
2. Write down what happened and what was said by all participants. Save all receipts, applications, leases, business cards, brochures, or other documents that you were given.
3. Call your local Fair Housing Program

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT FAIR HOUSING

Support your local fair housing group. Refer those with housing questions to the housing program for assistance. Hold your elected officials and other officers accountable for supporting fair housing. Let your City, County, State and National Officials know you support fair housing. Encourage your friends and neighbors to support fair housing.



Top Ten Fair Housing Mistakes

April is National Fair Housing Month

<p>10 Prohibiting children from certain activities, such as stating that "Children may not ride bicycles on the sidewalk."</p> 	<p>9 Asking a prospective resident, "How many kids do you have?" or "Are you pregnant?"</p> 	<p>8 Failing to research whether or not there are additional protected classes beyond the "Federal Seven" in your state, city, or local area.</p>
<p>7 Failing to document what rent specials were offered to each prospective resident.</p> 	<p>5 Denying a disabled resident's request for an assigned parking spot because you have existing handicap spots that you think should suffice.</p> 	
<p>6 Declining a rental application for any reason other than the prospective resident not meeting your stated qualification criteria.</p>		<p>3 Evicting a hoarder instead of accommodating them for their disability.</p>
<p>4 Refusing to allow a resident to have a service animal because your community does not accept pets.</p> 		<p>2 Allowing the maintenance team to choose which service request to respond to next, in no particular order.</p>
<p>1 Failing to train all associates who interact with customers, including your maintenance team members, on Fair Housing laws.</p> 	<p>Avoid making these mistakes at your community. Learn more. </p> <p>CITY OF SANDUSKY FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM</p> <p>800-850-0467 800-750-0750</p>	



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