

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

Are you a Victim of Housing Discrimination?

Fair Housing is Your Right!

If you have been denied your housing rights ... you may have experienced housing discrimination.



How do you recognize Housing Discrimination?

Under the Fair Housing Act, It is Against the Law to:

- Refuse to rent to you or sell you housing
- Tell you housing is unavailable when in fact it is available
- Show you apartments or homes in certain neighborhoods only
- 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
- Conduct property appraisals in a discriminatory manner
- Refuse to make certain modifications or accommodations for persons with a mental or physical disability, including persons recovering from alcohol and substance abuse, and HIV/AIDS-related illnesses
- Fail to design and construct housing in an accessible manner
- Harass, coerce, intimidate, or interfere with anyone exercising or assisting someone else with their fair housing rights

Based on these factors...

- Race
- Color
- National origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial status (families with children under the age of 18, or who are expecting a child), or
- Handicap (if you or someone close to you has a disability)

If you don't report discrimination,
it can't be stopped!

Housing Discrimination Information Form

- If you believe your rights have been violated, HUD or a State or local fair housing agency is ready to help you file a complaint.
- You have one year from the date of the alleged act of discrimination to file your complaint.
- After your information is received, we will contact you to discuss the concerns you raise.

Instructions: (Please type or print.) Read this form carefully. Try to answer all questions. If you do not know the answer or a question does not apply to you, leave the space blank. You have one year from the date of the alleged discrimination to file a complaint. Your form should be signed and dated. Use reverse side of this page if you need more space to respond.

Keep this information for your records.

Date you mailed your information to HUD:

Address to which you sent the information:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

If you have not heard from HUD or a fair housing agency within three weeks from the date you mail this form, you may call to inquire about the status of your complaint. See addresses and telephone listings on the last page.

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| Your Name: | Best time to call: | Your Daytime Phone No: |
| Your Address: | | Evening Phone No: |
| City: | State: | Zip Code: |

Who else can we call if we cannot reach you?

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Contact's Name: | Daytime Phone No: |
| Best time to call: | Evening Phone No: |
| 2 Contact's Name: | Daytime Phone No: |
| Best time to call: | Evening Phone No: |

1. **What** happened to you? How were you discriminated against? For example: were you refused an opportunity to rent or buy housing? Denied a loan? Told that housing was not available when in fact it was? Treated differently from others seeking housing? State briefly what happened.

2. **Why** do you believe you are being discriminated against?

It is a violation of the law to deny you your housing rights for any of the following factors:
 • race • color • religion • sex • national origin • familial status (families with children under 18) • disability.

For example: were you denied housing **because of** your race? Were you denied a mortgage loan **because of** your religion? Or turned down for an apartment **because** you have children? Were you harassed because you assisted someone in obtaining their fair housing rights? Briefly explain why you think your housing rights were denied **because of** any the factors listed above.

3. **Who** do you believe discriminated against you? Was it a landlord, owner, bank, real estate agent, broker, company, or organization?

Name:

Address:

4. **Where** did the alleged act of discrimination occur? Provide the address. For example: Was it at a rental unit? Single family home? Public or Assisted Housing? A Mobile Home? Did it occur at a bank or other lending institution?

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

5. **When** did the last act of discrimination occur? Enter the date ____/____/____
Is the alleged discrimination continuous or on going?

Yes

No

Signature:

Date:

X

Send this form to HUD or to the fair housing agency where the alleged act of discrimination occurred.

If you are unable to complete this form, you may call the office nearest you.

See addresses and telephone numbers listed on the back page.

Privacy Act Statement The Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to collect this information by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, (P.L. 100-430); Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (P.L. 88-352); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93-112); Section 109 of Title I - Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L. 97-35); Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, (P.L. 101-336); and by the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 6103).

The information will be used to investigate and to process housing discrimination complaints. The information may be disclosed to the United States Department of Justice for its use in the filing of pattern and practice suits of housing discrimination or the prosecution of the person(s) who committed the discrimination where violence is involved; and to State or local fair housing agencies that administer substantially equivalent fair housing laws for complaint processing. Failure to provide some or all of the requested information will result in delay or denial of HUD assistance.

Public Reporting Burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Disclosure of this information is voluntary.

For Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont:

Fair Housing Enforcement Center
U.S. Department HUD
10 Causeway Street, Room 321
Boston, MA 02222-1092
(617) 565-5308
1-800-827-5005
TTY (617) 565-5453

For New Jersey and New York:

Fair Housing Enforcement Center
U.S. Department HUD
26 Federal Plaza, Room 3532
New York, NY 10278-0068
(212) 264-9610
1-800-496-4294
TTY (212) 264-0927

For Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia:

Fair Housing Enforcement Center
U.S. Department HUD
The Wanamaker Building
100 Penn Square East
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3380
(215) 656-0660
1-888-799-2085
TTY (215) 656-3450

For Alabama, the Caribbean, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee:

Fair Housing Enforcement Center
U.S. Department HUD
Richard B. Russell Federal Bldg.
75 Spring Street, SW, Room 230
Atlanta, GA 30303-3388
(404) 331-5140
1-800-440-8091
TTY (404) 730-2654

For Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin:

Fair Housing Enforcement Center
U.S. Department HUD
Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Bldg.
77 West Jackson Boulevard,
Room 2101
Chicago, IL 60604-3507
(312) 353-7776
1-800-765-9372
TTY (312) 353-7143

For Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas:

Fair Housing Enforcement Center
U.S. Department HUD
1600 Throckmorton, Room 502
Forth Worth, TX 76113-2905
(817) 978-9270
1-800-498-9371
TTY (817) 978-9274

For Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska:

Fair Housing Enforcement Center
U.S. Department HUD
Gateway Tower II
400 State Avenue, Room 200
Kansas City, KA 66101-2406
(913) 551-6958
1-800-743-5323
TTY (913) 551-6972

For Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming:

Fair Housing Enforcement Center
U.S. Department HUD
633 17th Street
Denver, CO 80202-3607
(303) 672-5437
1-800-877-7353
TTY (303) 672-5248

For Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada:

Fair Housing Enforcement Center
U.S. Department HUD
Phillip Burton Federal Building
and U.S. Courthouse
450 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3448
(415) 436-8400
1-800-347-3739
TTY (415) 436-6594

For Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington:

Fair Housing Enforcement Center
U.S. Department HUD
Seattle Federal Office Building
909 First Avenue, Room 205
Seattle, WA 98104-1000
(206) 220-5170
1-800-877-0246
TTY (206) 220-5185