

# Fair Housing is For Everyone

Know your protections under fair housing law



## What is housing discrimination?

Discrimination is the act of treating someone differently in the sale or renting of housing due to their race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, or family status.

## What are examples of discrimination?

Discrimination may be obvious or it may be subtle. Here are some examples:

1. A landlord refuses to rent to a single pregnant woman, but will rent to a single man.
2. A landlord evicts a white tenant from her manufactured home because her black friends visit her there.
3. A landlord refuses to allow a person with a disability to have a service dog.

## Fair Housing Laws

Fair housing laws protect citizens against housing discrimination based **race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, and family status**. Fair housing laws apply to the sale, rental, and financing of residential homes. It doesn't matter if you are renting or buying or what type of home you choose (single family home, apartment, condominium, manufactured home, or even a home lot) the fair housing law applies to you.

## Buying or renting a home

If buying or renting a home, no one can:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing to you,
- Refuse to negotiate for housing,
- Make housing unavailable,
- Deny a dwelling,
- Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for the sale or rental of dwelling,
- Provide different services or facilities,
- Falsely deny that housing is available inspection, sale, or rental,
- For profit, persuade owners to sell or rent,
- Steering by real estate agents of people away from or to certain neighborhoods
- Steering by landlords to of from certain areas of a housing complex,

**Based on your race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, and family status.**

## Reporting discrimination

If you have experienced discrimination in the housing market, you can call the North Carolina Human Relations Commission at:

(919) 807-4420 or (866)324-7474

or visit the Commission website at:

<http://www.doa.nc.gov/hrc/fairhousing.aspx>

