

OPPORTUNITY

Federal Fair Housing Laws prohibit discrimination in housing based upon a person's...

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- National Origin
- Sex
- Handicap
- Familial Status
- Ancestry
- Military Status

HANDICAPPED

Means with respect to a person with a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities; has a record of such an impairment; or having regarded as having such an impairment.

FAMILIAL STATUS

Means one or more individuals (under the age of 18) living with a parent or another person having legal custody of such individuals; or the designee of such parent or other person having such custody with written permission of such parent or other person. The protection shall also apply to any person who is pregnant or in the process of securing legal custody of any individual under the age of 18.

Illegal housing activity includes housing, as well as the financing or insuring of housing.

Examples of illegal housing activities include:

1. Refuse to sell or rent a dwelling after a "bonafide" offer has been made, or refuse to negotiate for the sale or rental of a dwelling.
2. Making different terms and conditions for buying, renting, financing or insuring housing.
3. Make, print, publish, or post statements or advertisements that a house or apartment is available only to persons of a certain race, color, sex, religion, national origin, handicap, familial status, ancestry or military status.
4. Deny housing is available for inspection, sale or rental (when it really is).
5. Discrimination in the financing, appraising, selling, brokering, or other "real estate related transactions," such as the making or purchasing of loans or providing other financial assistance.
6. Denying to persons the use of real estate services, brokerage services, or multiple listing services.

If you suspect housing discrimination:

1. Make immediate detailed notes of your experience: date, time, place, names of agents or landlords, what you saw, what you were told.
2. Contact your local fair housing coordinator for assistance:

VAN WERT COUNTY
Krista Somerton 419-238-2999
info@vanwerted.com
OFFICE HOURS:
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday – Friday

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
1-800-669-9777
1-800-927-9275

Ohio Civil Rights Commission
888-278-7101 (toll free)

Northwest Ohio Region Fair Housing Center
1-419-243-6163
(TDD) 1-419-243-2135

Has This Ever Happened To You?

"Sorry, that apartment has been rented already."

...But you know a vacancy exists.

"I'd prefer to rent to a man, because a woman couldn't keep up the property."

...This might be sex discrimination.

"I have just the right house for you!"

...But you wanted to see the house in the better neighborhood.

"This is a smaller 2 bedroom house -
- so we don't allow any children."

...Discrimination against families is illegal.

**Federal Fair
Housing Law gives
all persons in
certain protected
classes the right to
live wherever they
can afford to live**

**Equal Housing
Opportunity**

FAIR HOUSING

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