

NOTIFICATION OF FAIR HOUSING ACT

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:

- Race or color
- National origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under 18)
- Handicap
- Military status
- Ancestry

In the sale and rental of housing, no one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, handicap, military status, or ancestry:

- Refuse to rent, sell, or insure housing accommodations or residential property
- Refuse to lend money for the purchase, construction, repair, rehabilitation, or maintenance of housing accommodations or residential property
- Make housing available
- Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Print, publish, or circulate any statement or advertisement which would indicate a preference or limitation
- Represent to any person that housing is not available for inspection, sale, rental, or lease
- For profit, persuade owners to sell or rent (blockbusting)
- Deny any person membership in any multiple listing service or real estate broker's organization

What to do if you suspect housing discrimination?

- Make immediate detailed notes of your experience: date, time, place, names of agents or landlords, what you saw and what you were told.
- Contact your local fair housing coordinator for assistance.
In Van Wert County, call or write:
Krista Somerton, Program Manager, Fair Housing Program
Van Wert Area Economic Development Corp.
145 East Main Street
Van Wert, Ohio 45891 Telephone (419) 238-2999
- Or, call the nearest Regional Office of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission in Dayton at (888)278-7101. An investigator will speak with you and schedule an appointment to discuss your complaint and help you file a charge.
- Or, call or write directly to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): Chicago Regional Office – Region V, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 2101, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507 Telephone: (312)353-7776
- Or, call the Fair Housing Complaints "Hotline" at 1-800-669-9777. Hearing impaired persons may call 1-800-927-9275 (TDD)



Although you may not want to submit a complaint, you should report any information about violations of the Federal Fair Housing Law to HUD. If you want to file a complaint, you must do so within one (1) year of the violation.

