

Here to Help

Possible Signs of Discrimination

These may be some possible signs of discrimination:

- “We only rent to people who speak English.”
- “We don’t want any children here.”
- “Families with children are put on the first floor.”
- “No pets allowed.”



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Please contact us with your Fair Housing questions.

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Fair Housing

Know Your Rights!



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Housing discrimination continues in Northeast Ohio. Help is available, but it helps to know your rights!

Federal and state fair housing laws protect everyone. Housing discrimination is prohibited based on:

- Race/Color
- National Origin/Ancestry
- Sex
- Disability
- Religion
- Familial Status
- Military Status

Local laws may also prohibit discrimination against:

- Sexual Orientation
- Marital Status
- Creed
- Age
- Gender Identity
- Source of Income



Illegal Actions: What's Prohibited

Rental and Sale of Housing:

- Refusal to rent/sell housing
- Refusal to negotiate for housing
- Making housing unavailable
- Setting different terms/conditions/privileges for sale/rental of housing
- Providing different housing services or facilities
- Denying that housing is available when it is
- Blockbusting
- Steering



Mortgage Lending and Insurance

- Refusal to make a mortgage loan
- Refusal to provide homeowners insurance
- Refusal to provide information in regards to loans and/or insurance
- Imposing conditions/terms of a loan different to others (i.e. rates and fees)
- Refusal to purchase a loan

Good to Know Information:

- No one can threaten or coerce anyone exercising a fair housing right
- Making statements such as “Christians Only” or “No Children” are illegal
- Disabled individuals can make reasonable modifications to a rental*
- Modifications can include
 - widening doorways
 - Installing grab bars
 - Installing a ramp

*Owner/landlord can ask that the interior be returned to original condition once vacated

- Housing providers must make reasonable accommodations necessary for disabled individuals to use/enjoy the home. These can include
 - Reserved parking space
 - Allowing live-in aid
 - Allowing service animals, even if there is a “no pet” policy

Contact the Geauga County Fair Housing Commission at 440-279-1790.

Or contact the Ohio Civil Rights Commission at 1-888-278-7101 and online at www.crc.ohio.gov.

Or contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at 1-800-669-9777 and online at www.hud.gov.