

POSSIBLE SIGNS OF DISCRIMINATION

“Sorry, that apartment has been rented already.”
...BUT YOU KNOW A VACANCY EXISTS.

“Sorry, you don’t qualify for a housing loan.”
...BUT YOU HAVE GOOD CREDIT AND THE INCOME NEEDED.

“I have just the right house for you!”
...BUT YOU WANTED A HOUSE IN A BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD.

“This is a smaller two bedroom house and there is no where for kids to play anyway, so we don’t allow any children.”
...DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FAMILIES IS ILLEGAL.

“I’d prefer to rent to a man because a woman couldn’t keep up with the property.”
...THIS MIGHT BE SEX DISCRIMINATION.

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OHIO FAIR HOUSING

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

It's your right!

OHIO FAIR HOUSING ACT

The Ohio Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing related transactions based on any of the following protected classes:

Race or color
National origin
Ancestry
Religion
Sex
Familial Status
Disability
Military Status

WHAT IS PROHIBITED?

IN THE SALE & RENTAL OF HOUSING:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing
- Set different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental
- Falsely deny that housing is available for inspection, sale or rental
- Persuade owners to sell or rent (blockbusting)

IN MORTGAGE LENDING & INSURANCE:

- Refuse to make a mortgage loan or provide homeowners insurance
- Impose different terms or conditions on a loan, such as different interest rates, points, or fees
- Discriminate in appraising property

IT IS ILLEGAL FOR ANYONE TO:

- Threaten, coerce, intimidate, or interfere with anyone exercising a fair housing right or assisting others who exercise that right
- Advertise or make any statement that indicates a limitation or preference based on a protected class, such as “No Children” or “Christian Only” or “Prefer Single Female”

YOUR LANDLORD MAY NOT:

- Refuse to let you make reasonable modifications to your dwelling or common use areas, at your expense, if necessary to use the housing for persons with disabilities

REPORT DISCRIMINATION

IF YOU SUSPECT HOUSING DISCRIMINATION:

1. Make immediate detailed notes of your experience including the date, time, name of agent or landlord and what you saw or were told.
2. Collect and keep copies of advertising, letters or other relevant written correspondence.
3. Contact the nearest regional office of the Ohio Civil Rights Commissioner. You must do this within one year of the alleged violation.

