

FAIR HOUSING...

Fair Housing for all is the law. It is unlawful to deny people the opportunity to live where they want and can afford. If you feel you are being treated unfairly, take the following steps:

- 1. Keep a record of any meetings and phone calls with the landlord, the property manager, real estate agent, loan officer, or insurance agent. Include the person's name, title, the meeting date and time.*
- 2. Write down what happened and what was said by all participants. Save all receipts, applications, leases, business cards, brochures, or other documents that you were given.*
- 3. Call: Ashtabula County Fair Housing Office at 440-576-1530 or visit the website www.ashtabulacounty.us/fh.*



BREAK THE BARRIER OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

Do you feel you have been treated unfairly?

Call:

Ashtabula County
Fair Housing Office
25 West Jefferson Street
Jefferson, Ohio 44047
440-576-1530
TTY 1-800-750-0750

OR

Department of Housing and
Urban Development
1-800-669-9777
TDD 1-800-927-9275

Ohio Civil Rights Commission
216-787-3150
1-888-278-7101
TTY 216-787-3549



Where great things happen.

A COMMUNITY GUIDE TO FAIR HOUSING



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Additional Info On the Website
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EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY



Fair Housing Is Your Right

Housing Discrimination is Illegal.

Fair housing is a right protected by federal and state laws. Fair housing means you may freely choose a place to live without regard to your race, color, religion sex, national origin, familial status, disability and in Ohio, military status.

Fair Housing Opens Doors, but only with your help. Learn to recognize the signs of discrimination in rental, sales, lending and insurance.

How Do You Recognize Discrimination? Housing discrimination is rarely blatant. It is often disguised with a handshake and a smile. Your fair housing rights are violated when you are prevented from securing housing because of your race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, family or military status

HOW DO YOU RECOGNIZE DISCRIMINATION?

Be suspicious when you hear statements like....

“I rented that apartment after you called.”

“I don’t really want all those changes, a ramp, grab bars—that’s too much.”

“This building is for adults only.”

“We can’t have disabled people living here. Who will take care of them.? It will make the neighbors uncomfortable.”

“Do you think you can afford this neighborhood?”

“There is a problem with the appraisal.”

“We have a minimum mortgage amount; we don’t make loans under \$40,000.”

“We can rent the apartment to two adults, but it’s too small for a child and an adult.”

“The owner just took the house off the market.”

“We can’t seem to get an appointment to show you the house.”

“ A two bedroom apartment/home is too small.”

“You probably don’t want an apartment on the second floor.”

THE FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM

Ashtabula County Fair Housing Program is here to help you by—answering your housing questions, assisting you in finding the right answers, providing education on your rights and responsibilities, and assisting you in filing a fair housing complaint. The Fair Housing Program offers assistance to everyone and there is no fee for this service.

If you have a disability you have a right to reasonable modifications and reasonable accommodations to allow you to live in your housing choice.

If you are being threatened, coerced, harassed, or intimidated because of your race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, family or military status or because of the race of your relatives or visitors, call your local F.B.I., police, and the Ohio Civil Rights Commission at 1-216-787-3150.



Fair Housing is the Law.