

OHIO FAIR HOUSING ACT

The Ohio Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:

- Race or Color
- National Origin
- Ancestry
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial Status
(including children under 18 living with parent or legal guardians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under the age of 18)
- Disability
- Military Status

*Housing
Discrimination is
Illegal*

- Ohio Civil Rights Commission at 1-888-278-7101
or
 - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Fair Housing Complaint Hotline toll free at
1-800-669-9777 or Midwest Office at 1-800-765-9372 or
TTY 1-312-353-7143.
- To file a complaint online, visit
http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/topics/housing_discrimination



Washington County Fair Housing

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!



Washington County Fair Housing

Washington County Commissioners
1115 Gilman Avenue
Marietta, OH 45750

Phone (740) 373-6623

IF YOU THINK YOUR RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED

- Contact the Washington County Fair Housing Office at (740) 373-6623
- Contact the Ohio Civil Rights Commission at 1-888-278-7101 or for TDD 1-614-466-9353
- Contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 1-800-669-9777 or for TDD 1-800-927-9275

Be sure you:

- Document what has happened. Include dates, addresses, telephone numbers, and other important details.
- Keep copies of all receipts, applications, real estate ads, denial/acceptance letters, and other documentation received during the transaction.

Here's Your Sign...

Mortgage Lending Discrimination:

- Refuse to make a loan.
- Refuse to provide information about a loan.
- Impose different terms or conditions on a loan, such as different interest rates, points, or fees.
- Set different terms or conditions for purchasing a loan.

Housing Discrimination:

- You inquire about an apartment in person, but the manager tells you he just rented it.
- The owner refuses to tell you why the house/unit is not available.
- The rent or deposit is higher than advertised.
- The manager says the unit is rented, but the sign is still up.
- You are told, "You won't like it here, there's no place for your kids to play."
- The manager says there are occupancy limits such as 3 people in a 2 bedroom unit.
- You are asked about marital status, race, nature of disability or citizenship.
- You are told the building is not made for a wheelchair or that

you can't make changes to the unit.

- You are not allowed to submit an application.
- The manager says the unit has been taken off the market temporarily.

Discrimination based on disability:

- Refusal to make reasonable changes in rules, policies, services, or practices, when these accommodations are necessary to allow a person with a disability an equal opportunity to use and enjoy the housing.



Free Consultation Available

If you would like non-legal assistance with understanding Fair Housing law, your rights and responsibilities as a tenant, advice on the complaint process, or help with filling out a complaint form, please contact the Washington County Fair Housing at (740) 373-6623.