



# *Do You Know Your* **FAIR HOUSING RIGHTS?**

**HOUSING DISCRIMINATION** is not always easy to recognize – and it may occur when you least expect it. The law applies to landlords and sellers, as well as brokers, lenders, insurance agents, neighbors or others in the housing industry.

Discrimination must be because of a protected class basis to rise to the level of being a violation of the law. Some examples of housing discrimination include:

- Applying different rules or rental amounts
- Falsely denying that housing is available
- Discriminatory advertising
- Intimidating or harassing tenants
- Refusing to make reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities
- Refusing to rent, sell or offer housing-related services
- Steering people to buy in certain sections of town
- Treating tenants differently when providing repairs or services

**FAIR HOUSING LAWS** prohibit discrimination when it occurs because of specific characteristics. There are different characteristics listed in our federal, state and local laws.

The Federal Fair Housing Act, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the bases of:

**Race, Color, Religion, National Origin, Sex,  
Disability, Familial Status**

Ohio state law also prohibits discrimination on the bases of:

**Ancestry, Military Status**

City of Kent law prohibits discrimination on the bases of:

**Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity/Expression**

## **How to Get Help**

Addressing concerns of housing discrimination does not require a lawyer or going to court.

If you have concerns housing discrimination, please reach out to Fair Housing Contact Service for more information.

### **FAIR HOUSING CONTACT SERVICE**

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