

What can you do if you think you are a victim of housing discrimination?

If you want to report suspected housing discrimination, you may contact Mid-Florida Housing Partnership, Inc. (MFHP). A staff member of MFHP will discuss your situation with you to determine if a violation exists and assist you in completing the necessary "Housing Discrimination Information" complaint form, HUD Form 903.1. MFHP will also assist you by referring your complaint to the appropriate private or government agency responsible for the enforcement of the Act. For information or assistance call or write to:



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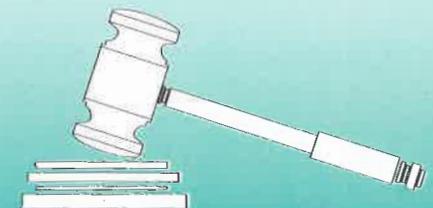
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You Have a Right to Live Where You Want to Live Fair Housing It's the Law!

The Florida Fair Housing Act and the Federal Fair Housing Act make it illegal for anyone to refuse to rent, sell, make a housing loan or provide insurance to you based on any of the following characteristics (also called protected classes):

- Race or Color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial Status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians; pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18)
- Disability

How Do You Recognize Housing Discrimination?

It is unlawful for anyone to discriminate, based on any of the above characteristics, by:

- Refusing to rent to you or sell you housing;
- Telling you that housing is unavailable when, in fact, it is available;
- Showing you apartments or homes only in certain neighborhoods;
- Advertising housing only to preferred groups of people;
- Denying you property insurance;
- Conducting property appraisals in a discriminatory manner;

Possible Housing Discrimination Indicators

Be suspicious if you hear lines like these:

"Oh, if you had been here 15 minutes ago - someone just left a deposit on our last unit."

"Families with children are allowed in ground floor units only."

"Sure, we rent to persons with disabilities, but we'll need an extra security deposit for the damage your wheelchair will cause."

"Do you think you can afford this neighborhood?"

"Two adults and three children are too many people for this three bedroom apartment."

- Refusing to make certain modifications or accommodations for persons with mental or physical disabilities, including persons recovering from alcohol and substance abuse, and HIV/AIDS related illnesses;
- Refusing to provide you with information regarding certain mortgage loans, denying a mortgage loan or imposing different terms or conditions for approval; or
- Harassing, coercing, or intimidating you because you are exercising your fair housing rights.

If You Don't Report Discrimination, It Can't Be Stopped!

- If you believe your rights have been violated, the Mid-Florida Housing Partnership, Inc. is ready to help you file a complaint.
- You have one year from the date of the alleged act of discrimination to file your complaint.
- You will need to provide the following information in your complaint:
 - a. Your name, address and phone number(s) where you can be reached.
 - b. Another contact's name, address and phone number(s) in case the agency cannot reach you.
 - c. A description of **what** happened to you.
 - d. A statement telling **why** you believe you are being discriminated against (e.g. on the basis of which protected class).
 - e. A statement of **who** discriminated against you, giving name, title and address.
 - f. A statement describing **where** the alleged discrimination occurred (complete address).
 - g. A statement indicating the date the last act of discrimination occurred and stating whether the alleged discrimination is ongoing.

