Who to Contact:

Southeastern Ohio Legal Services: 330-339-3998 Toll free: 800-686-3670 or Ohio Legal Rights Service: 800-282-9181

US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) 800-669-9777 800-927-9275 TTY http://www.hud.gov First ever HUD Mobile App

Ohio Civil Rights Commission: 888-278-7101 614-466-9353 TTY http://crc.ohio.gov

None of the information in this brochure is intended to be used as legal advice. Contact an attorney for any legal advice.

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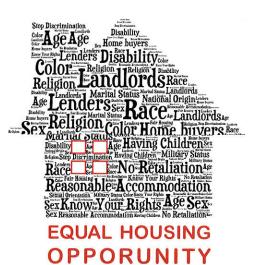
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Harrison County Fair Housing Guide





OHIO FAIR HOUSING

WHO IS PROTECTED

The law says you cannot be denied housing or treated differently on the basis of:

- Race
- Familial status
- Color
- (presence of children in the family(
- Religion
- National origin
- Sex
- Ancestry
- Disability
- and or Military Status

RESEARCH MATERIAL

Below are links to State & Federal Fair Housing Laws:

Federal Fair Housing Laws

US Dept of Justice - Civil Rights Division 42 U.S.C. 3601 (Fair Housing Act) http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/hce/title8.php

HUD-US Department of Housing & Urban Development

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp

Ohio Fair Housing Laws

Ohio Civil Rights Commission OH Fair Housing Act 1965 (& Amend copies) http://www.crc.ohio.gov

State of Ohio

Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 4112 http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4112



Ohio Landlord-Tenant Law

State of Ohio Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 5312 http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/5321

SOME UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES TO WATCH FOR:

- You are told the unit you wish to rent is not available when it really is.
- You are told no children are allowed in the building.
- In federal subsidized housing ad in some local municipalities (Columbus), LGBT households are also protected from discrimination.
- You are offered differentrental terms or conditions than someone else. For example, a biracial couple is told that a particular unit rents for an amount higher than an amount quoted to a white couple who inquired about the same unit.
- Your are being directed or "steered" to a particular neighborhood or building based on your race, color, religion, sex, disability, financial status or national origin.
- You have a disability and the landlord refuses to rent to you or refuses to allow you to make changes to the unit that are needed because of your disability. For instance, you generally have the right to modify your rented home at your expense to allow you to use a wheelchair or make other needed changes. However, you may also be obligated to undo the changes when you leave.

Some landlords refuse to rent to people because they feel the place is not safe for children or that an upstairs apartment is not appropriate for the disabled. This is illegal. You, not your landlord, decide if a home is right for you and your family.

If you believe you have experienced discrimination, call the Ohio Civil Rights Commission at 1-800-278-7101 (http://crc.ohio.gov/), a local fair housing agency (http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/ohio/working/fheo/fhagencies), or find your Ohio Legal Aid office online at http://www.ohiolegalservices.org/programs.

REPORTING DISCRIMINATION

If you feel that you have been a victim of housing discrimination, you have one year to report a violation. You should take the following steps:

- Make immediate detailed notes of your experience including the date, time, name of agent or landlord, and what you saw or were told & other important information which can assist in the Investigation of your complaint.
- Write down a brief description of the alleged violation.
- Collect & keep copies of advertisements, letters or other relevant written correspondence.
- Contact your local fair housing office, Ohio Civil Rights Commission, or US Department of Housing & Urban Development.

HOW TO FILE A HOUSING CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION

Forms are available through the Ohio Civil Rights Commission at the following link:

http://crc.ohio.gov/FilingaCharge/ChargeForms.aspx

HUD link:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/ program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/onlinecomplaint

OR

First ever HUD Mobile App easily lets public file a complaint





