How can I tell if I have been discriminated against?

The following activities may indicate discrimination. You can follow up by requesting a written explanation from the housing provider or by contacting an agency, such as the Intermountain Fair Housing Council, who can do testing to see if discrimination is occurring.

- Misrepresenting the availability of housing (e.g., telling you a property is not available when there is still a for rent/for sale sign up, still an ad listing the property, or other indications it is available).
- Steering you to certain buildings or properties based on your belonging to a protected class (e.g.," we like to have the families in this building close to the playground", or "that neighborhood isn't a good fit for you")
- Telling you they have no properties available for you
- Rules about adults sharing bedrooms or regarding male and female children sharing a bedroom
- Landlord claims it is not a safe place for children to live
- Landlord refuses to accept a support animal or requires a pet deposit for support animals
- Landlord denies your reasonable accommodation or reasonable modification request
- Realtor requires you to be pre-qualified before they will show you properties but they don't require this of everyone
- Lender requires additional proof of income or co-signors because you belong to a protected class (e.g., national origin or disability)
- Cannot purchase in a community because of having children or because of your special needs due to a disability.
- Lending agent treats you badly, won't return your calls, discourages you and you believe the treatment is based on your belonging to a protected class
- Mortgage company has a policy that eliminates your home from qualifying for a loan (e.g., "We don't give loans under \$50,000")

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