

Who Can Help if I've Experienced Housing Discrimination?

If you have questions about whether you have experienced fair housing discrimination or you can to learn more about the Fair Housing Act, please contact Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc.

If you believe you have experienced fair housing discrimination and you want to make a fair housing complaint with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, please see the information in this brochure for how to file a complaint.

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File a Fair Housing Complaint

Contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to file a fair housing complaint.



1-800-669-9777 or 1-800-877-

8339



<https://www.hud.gov/fairhousing/fileacomplaint>



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Contact us for fair housing questions and speak with one of our attorneys for free. Partner organizations may also contact us to arrange a free fair housing presentation to their staff.



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The Federal Fair Housing Act

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What is the Fair Housing Act?

Under the Fair Housing Act, it is illegal to discriminate against a person in the sale or rental of a home based on their:

- ✓ Familial Status*
- ✓ Race
- ✓ Color
- ✓ National Origin
- ✓ Religion
- ✓ Sex , or
- ✓ Disability (including mental and physical impairments).

*What is Familial Status?

Familial status protection includes:

- families with children under the age of 18;
- pregnant persons;
- any person in the process of securing legal custody of a minor child (including adoptive or foster parents); and
- persons with written permission of the parent or legal guardian (like a parental power of attorney).

Who May Be Liable under the Fair Housing Act?

Mortgage lenders, real estate agents or brokers, appraisers, homeowner associations, and homeowner insurance agencies may not engage in discrimination against a person based on their protected class in any part of the home buying or selling process or during any other housing-related transaction.



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What May Discrimination under the FHA Look Like?

The discrimination must be based on one of the FHA's seven protected classes and could take the form of:

- Refusing to rent, sell, or deal with a person of a protected class
- Discriminating in the terms or conditions of a housing sale
- Forcing a tenant to provide information about the extent of their disability
- Refusing to design and construct covered multifamily dwellings that are accessible to and usable by persons with mobility issues
- Stating that housing is not available to a person of a protected class when it actually is available
- Threatening, intimidating, or interfering with a protected class member or someone that has filed a complaint against the housing provider
- Assigning different policies, conditions, or terms for housing to members of a protected class

These are only some examples. Fair housing discrimination may take many forms. If you believe you have experienced housing discrimination, please contact us using the information on the back of this brochure.