

EXAMPLES OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

- Refusing to make repairs or do maintenance for a tenant because you are a refugee
- Landlord claiming a unit is no longer available when you suspect he just doesn't want to rent to you because of your race, color, or national origin. For example, when you show up in person, landlord may say "Sorry, but after we spoke on the phone, we rented the last unit."
- Steering you to or from a certain community: "You would probably feel more comfortable in a different neighborhood."
- Requiring that all tenants speak English
- Telling you that you cannot cook a certain food connected to your culture because of the possible smell



WANT ADVICE OR INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAIR HOUSING ACT?

Talk to a lawyer for **free** by calling Idaho Legal Aid's Housing Advice Line at **208-746-7541** Mon-Fri from 10 am to 3:30 pm MST (for TRS, dial 7-1-1).

For testing, call Intermountain Fair Housing Council: 208-383-0695 or 1-800-717-0695.

NEED TO FILE A FHA COMPLAINT?

Contact HUD at 1-800-669-9777 or 1-800-927-9275 (TTY) or visit hud.gov/fairhousing

For more information about your Fair Housing Rights:

hud.gov/fairhousing

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Fair Housing: Race, Color, and National Origin



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THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale and rental of housing based on a person's: Race, Color, Sex, Religion, National Origin, Disability, or Familial Status. It was passed as part of the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

The Fair Housing Act can apply to advertising, landlords, property managers, homeowners, HOA's, real estate agents, banks/lenders, and others.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination based on protected classes, such as: refusing to rent to someone because of their race, telling someone a unit is not available because of their religion, evicting someone because they are not a U.S. citizen, or advertising that a rental is only open to tenants who speak English.



Learn more by visiting hud.gov



RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN:

Refusing to rent, evicting, refusing to sell, steering or segregating, refusing to lend, or differing treatment based on a person's race or color violates Fair Housing Act prohibitions against race & color (skin tone) discrimination. Although the Fair Housing Act was passed over 50 years ago, housing discrimination based on race & color still exists today.

National origin includes: birthplace, ethnicity, ancestry, culture, language, & accent. Every person is protected by the Fair Housing Act, regardless of immigration status. You cannot be denied housing because you or your family are from another country, you have a name or accent associated with a national origin group, or because you participate in certain customs.

Discrimination based on race, color, or national origin is often subtle, so victims may not know that the reason they were denied housing, charged an extra fee, or steered to a certain unit was because of their protected status. If you suspect different treatment because of your race, color, or national origin, contact Idaho Legal Aid Services or HUD for help.