

Are you a victim of housing discrimination?

If you believe you are being discriminated against in the sale, rental, or financing of housing, please contact us at:

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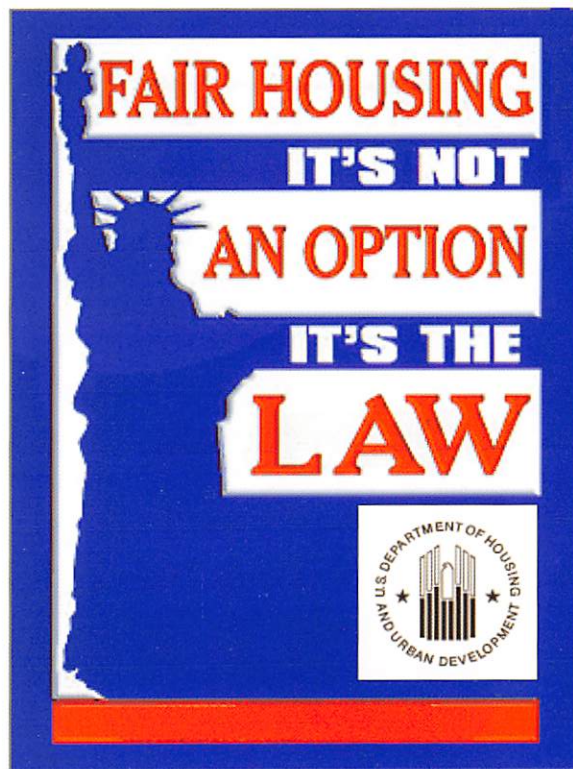
E-mail: info@wvfairhousing.org

You have the right to file a complaint and we will help you through the process.

Equal housing opportunity means everyone has the right to housing choice. Help us make this a reality for all West Virginians.

WEST VIRGINIA FAIR HOUSING ACTION NETWORK

- Northern West Virginia Center for Independent Living (NWVCIL)
- Community Living Initiatives Corporation (CLIC)
- West Virginia Assistive Technology System (WVATS) Center for Excellence in Disabilities, WVU



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**Fair
Housing**
For persons
with disabilities





What is fair housing?



The Law

The federal Fair Housing Act is Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. It prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing, and in other housing related activities based on a protected class.

The federal government recognizes seven protected classes:

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

The West Virginia Fair Housing Act covers two additional classes:

- Ancestry
- Blindness

Examples of Housing Discrimination

Many activities can be considered discrimination under the federal and state Fair Housing acts. Among these are:

- Refusing to sell or rent a house
- Saying a house is unavailable when it is in fact available
- Setting different terms or conditions for a sale or rental
- Advertising to preferred groups only
- Refusing to make a mortgage loan or to provide information on loans
- Showing properties only in certain neighborhoods
- Imposing different terms on a mortgage loan
- Segregating populations within a housing complex
- Indicating any preference in advertising based on one of the protected classes

Additional Protections

You may request reasonable accommodations or reasonable modifications to your rental unit or a common area. These could include allowing service animals in a “no pets” building, designated parking or construction of ramps.

Buildings built after March 13, 1991, must have certain adaptable/accessible features, and adhere to the following design and construction requirements:

1. Accessible entrance on an accessible route
2. Accessible public and common use areas
3. Usable doors
4. Accessible route into and through the dwelling unit
5. Accessible light switches, electrical outlets, thermostats, and environmental controls
6. Reinforced walls in bathrooms
7. Usable kitchens and bathrooms