

Are you a victim of housing discrimination?

If you suspect unfair housing practices, call the WV Fair Housing Action Network at 304-296-6091.

The Network is a coalition of organizations whose mission is to create, promote and support equal housing choice and opportunity, and to eliminate housing discrimination in West Virginia.

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

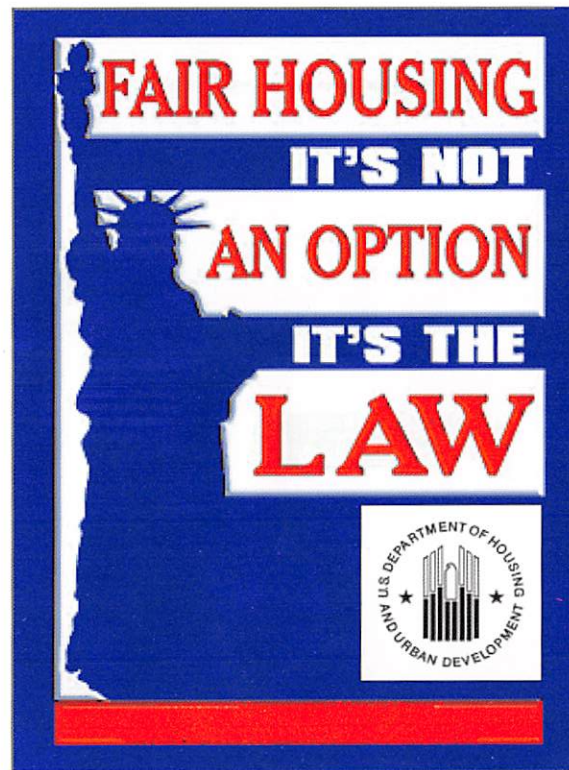
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You have the right to file a complaint and we will help you through the process.

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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Veterans
And
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What should WV Vets know about Fair Housing?



Fair Housing Acts

The federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing based on these protected classes:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- National origin
- Sex
- Familial status
- Disability

The West Virginia Fair Housing Act covers two additional protected classes:

- Ancestry
- Blindness

Who must obey Fair Housing Laws?

All residential property owners, landlords, property managers, developers, condominium associations, homeowner associations and all their employees must obey Fair Housing laws.

How vets may be affected by Fair Housing

Are you a veteran and do you have a:

- Mental or physical disability?
- Disability income?
- Service or support animal?
- Family that includes children under the age of 18 or are you or your spouse pregnant?

Clues to possible discrimination

The following activities might indicate housing discrimination. A property owner or realtor might:

- Say a housing unit is unavailable when it is available, for instance, its ad is still running
- Quote a higher rent or security deposit than was advertised
- Say the housing complex only accepts income from employment
- Tell you that children are not allowed
- Refuse to make accommodations to the housing unit that would allow you to live in the unit
- Refuse to allow you to make modifications, such as adding a wheelchair ramp or other accessibility modifications

Fair Housing Protections for Veterans with Disabilities

Reasonable Accommodations

Fair Housing laws require property owners to make reasonable accommodations, which are exceptions to the property owner's rules, policies or practices. Accommodation examples might include:

- Providing a parking space close to the rental unit
- Permitting the tenant to have a service or support animal
- Permitting the tenant to have a live-in aide to assist with activities of daily living

Reasonable Modifications

Fair Housing laws require that property owners must allow reasonable modifications, which are structural alterations to the property. Modification examples might include:

- Ramps installed for access
- Grab bars for safety and use of bathrooms
- Door bell flashers for tenants with hearing disabilities

A tenant may need to remove the modifications when moving out of the housing unit. Modifications are usually paid for by the tenant.