

If you feel you have been the victim of discrimination, assistance is available in filing a complaint. For further information regarding Housing Rights...

CALL:

(315) 782-4900

OR WRITE:

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**YOUR
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**FAIR HOUSING AND
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KNOW YOUR HOUSING RIGHTS

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on:

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

The Fair Housing Act covers most types of housing. In some circumstances, the Act exempts owner-occupied buildings with no more than four units, single-family housing sold or rented without the use of a broker and housing operated by organizations and private clubs that limit occupancy to members.

In Mortgage Lending: No one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap:

- Refuse to make a mortgage loan
- Refuse to provide information regarding loans
- Impose different terms or conditions on a loan
- Discriminate in appraising property
- Refuse to purchase a loan or
- Set different terms or conditions for purchasing a loan

It is illegal for anyone to:

- Threaten, coerce, intimidate or interfere with anyone exercising a fair housing right or assisting others who exercise that right

In the Sale and Rental of Housing: No one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, sex, familial status or handicap:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing
- Refuse to negotiate for housing
- Make housing unavailable
- Deny a dwelling
- Set different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Provide different housing services or facilities
- Falsely deny that housing is available for inspection, sale or rental
- For profit, persuade owners to sell or rent (blockbusting)
- Deny anyone access to or membership in a facility or service (such as a multiple listing service) related to the sale or rental of housing or
- Advertise or make any statement that indicates a limitation or preference based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap. This prohibition against discriminatory advertising applies to single-family and owner-occupied housing that is otherwise exempt from the Fair Housing Act.

In Jefferson County

In 1990, the County of Jefferson adopted the **Jefferson County Fair Housing Law**. This law reflects the current Federal Laws and carries penalties not to exceed \$10,000 for the first offense, \$25,000 for a second offense, and \$50,000 for a third offense. These penalties may be imposed in addition to any other penalties imposed under any other Federal or State statute applicable to such violation.

Jefferson County has contracted with the Community Action Planning Council, Inc. to carry out the Fair Housing Law and act as the County's Fair Housing Office.

