

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE WHERE EVER YOU CAN AFFORD TO LIVE!

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 is called the Fair Housing Act. Fair Housing means that no one can be denied the opportunity to rent, buy or negotiate for housing on the basis of their:

**RACE
COLOR
NATIONAL ORIGIN
RELIGION
OR
SEX**

In 1988 the Fair Housing Amendments Act added two new protected classes:

HANDICAP

People with physical or mental disabilities.

FAMILY STATUS

Pregnant women of families with children under 18 years of age.

**THE FAIR HOUSING AND
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (FHEO)
PROVIDES HELP TO ANYONE
WHO WANTS TO FILE A HOUSING
DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT.**



SUSPECT DISCRIMINATION IF YOU HEAR ANYTHING LIKE:

- *“You might want to look in an area closer to your church.”*
- *“The apartment was rented just after you called.”*
- *“Our tenants like quiet so we don’t allow children.”*
- *“I prefer to rent to women because they are much quieter.”*
- *“I don’t want the liability of renting to someone with a handicap.”*
- *“You would probably be happier living in another part of town.”*
- *“Only a man could keep up the property.”*
- *“I’ll get back to you after I check your references.” (But you don’t get called back.)*
- *“We only allow two people in our two bedroom apartments.”*

**If you suspect discrimination, call the
Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)
at 1-800-669-9777 Complaint Hotline.**

STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS MAKE IT ILLEGAL TO:

- Refuse to sell, rent, finance or insure housing or property, or have different terms and conditions in the agreement.
- Represent to any person that housing is not available for inspection, sale, rent, or lease when it is available.
- Refuse to lend money for the purchase, maintenance or rehabilitation of housing or discriminate in the terms or conditions of any loan.
- Steer homeseekers to or away from a particular neighborhood **(STEERING)**.
- Refuse to make loans or insure a home because of the racial makeup of the neighborhood **(RED LINING)**.
- Intimidate owners into selling their property because minority groups are moving into the neighborhood **(BLOCKBUSTING)**.

**KNOWING THE LAWS
HELPS PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS!**

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HOUSING DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

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THE MEDINA COUNTY

FAIR HOUSING CONSORTIUM WILL:

- uphold your right to obtain housing without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap, or familiar status.
- Provide information on landlord/tenant rights and responsibilities.
- Analyze and develop a plan to overcome impediments to fair housing in Medina County.
- work with the real estate, banking and insurance industry to ensure that housing markets are open to all.
- provide workshops on fair housing and landlord/tenant issues.



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FAIR HOUSING



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