



Fair Housing and Housing Discrimination HOT LINE Toll-Free Assistance 1-866-495-3918 Or Locally at 1-864-467-5699 (Se Habla Español)

What is the Fair Housing Act?

The Fair Housing Act is Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, prohibits discrimination in sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other house related transactions.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination 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 (disability)

Examples of Housing Discrimination:

The Fair Housing Act prohibits landlords to take any of the following actions based on race, religion or any other protected category:

- Unfair or disparate treatment in financing a home
- Refusing to rent or sell housing
- Claim housing is unavailable when in fact it is available
- Denying property insurance
- Conducting property appraisals in a discriminatory manner
- Harassing, coercing, intimidating, or interfering with anyone exercising or assisting someone else with his/her fair housing rights

If you believe your rights have been violated:

The [United States Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) has many publications available related to various Housing Discrimination topics. Information and instructions on how to file a complaint with them are available by calling the Greenville County Human Relations Commission's local Housing Discrimination Hotline at 1-866-495-3918.

