

Are You Being Discriminated Against?

- You cannot be denied housing because you are pregnant or have children.
- If you are disabled, you are allowed to request reasonable accommodations and modifications to assist with your housing needs.
- Landlords and real estate agents cannot talk you out of buying or renting in a certain locality because of the protected class in that locality.

The law prohibits the following acts based on your race, color, sex, religion, national origin, familial status and handicapping condition:

- Refusal to sell or rent housing,
- Lying about the availability of housing,
- Treating someone differently in the terms and conditions of housing, such as rent, security deposits, listing prices, the use of facilities, or financing.



How to Contact the Commission

You may call the Commission at:
(919) 807-4420, or (866) 324-7474
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

You may visit the Commission at:
116 W. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27603

You may write the Commission at:
1318 Mail Service Center,
Raleigh, NC 27699-1318

To report discrimination, please visit the
Commission's website at:
<http://www.doa.nc.gov/hrc/fairhousing.aspx>

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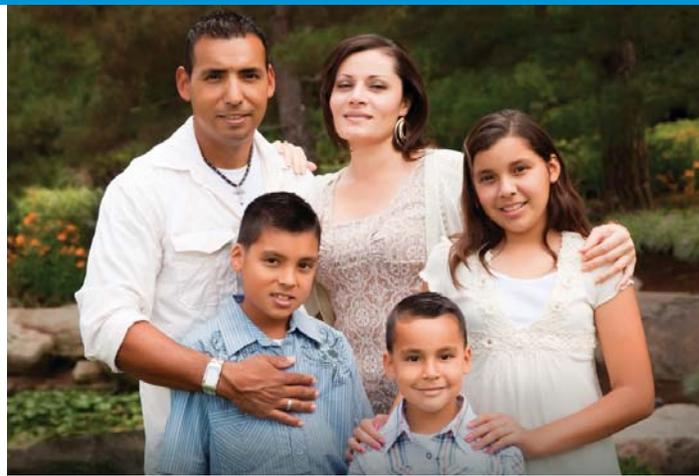
Housing Discrimination Is Against the Law in North Carolina

The North Carolina Fair Housing Act applies to the sale, rental and financing of residential housing. Apartments, houses, mobile homes and even vacant lots, to be used for residential real estate, are covered by the Fair Housing Act.

Who is protected under the State and Federal Fair Housing Laws?

Seven Protected Classes

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Sex
- National Origin
- Handicapping Condition
- Families with Children



Definition of Discrimination

- The act of treating someone differently in a housing transaction on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, families with children and handicapping condition.

Examples of Discrimination

- A property manager refuses to rent an apartment to a single woman, but he will rent the apartment to a single man.
- A landlord refuses to rent an apartment to a blind woman because she has a seeing eye dog.
- A landlord evicts a white tenant from her mobile home because her black friends visit her there.
- A landlord refuses to move a disabled tenant to a larger unit to accommodate the tenant's need for a live-in aide.

Disability Rights in Housing

Defining Disability

The Fair Housing Act defines a person with a disability as an individual who:

- Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one, or more, major life activities;
- Has a record of such impairment;
- Is regarded as having such impairment.

Multifamily housing built after March 13, 1991 must be accessible and comply with the Fair Housing Act's design and construction requirements:

- Make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices or services;
- Allow for reasonable modifications;
- Design and build appropriately (multifamily);
- Do not ask unlawful questions regarding a disability.

