

WHAT IS HOUSING DISCRIMINATION?

According to the Fair Housing Act, housing discrimination is the refusal to rent or sell a home to someone because of that person's:

- Race
- Color
- National origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial status (children under 18)
- Disability (physical or mental health)

Lexington, Midway, Louisville, Danville, Covington, Morehead, Vicco, & Frankfort have passed local Fairness Ordinances that also prohibit discrimination based on a person's:

- Sexual Orientation
- Gender Identity



Other groups of people who may be protected by the Fair Housing Act:

- Victims of interpersonal violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking
- People in recovery for alcoholism or substance abuse
- People with limited English proficiency (LEP)
- People living with HIV/AIDS
- People with a criminal background history

In addition to refusing to rent or sell a home, discriminatory housing practices can also include:

- Subjecting a person to a different application process
- Creating different terms, conditions, or privileges for a person
- Falsely denying that housing is not available when, in fact, it is
- Refusing a tenant's reasonable accommodation or reasonable modification request

EXAMPLES OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

- Advertising a rental property with the phrase "No children allowed"
- Denying a tenant's request to have a support animal
- Charging a tenant more rent because they are not a U.S. citizen
- Falsely telling someone that housing is not available because they are Black
- A male property manager persistently asking a female tenant to go on a date
- A housing provider posts an ad for a vacant apartment that says "Christian preferred."
- Issuing a 30-day notice to a tenant because of rumors the tenant has a mental illness.

TYPES OF HOUSING THIS APPLIES TO

- Single family homes
- Apartment
- Duplexes
- Nursing homes
- College dorms
- Mobile homes
- Trailer park lots
- Hospice
- Domestic violence shelters
- Assisted living homes
- Children's homes
- Homeless shelters
- In-patient recovery centers



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- Referrals for residents to additional legal services
- Strategies and education workshops for tenants on how to protect their fair housing rights

**If you feel that
you have been a
victim of housing
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