

For more information about your Fair Housing rights and Housing discrimination, contact:

- Howard County Office of Human Rights
Phone: (410) 313-6430
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<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/County-Administration/Human-Rights>
- Maryland Commission on Civil Rights
Phone: (410) 767-8600
Toll free: 1-800-637-6247
TTY (410) 333-1737
www.mccr.maryland.gov
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair Housing Regional & Field Office:
Philadelphia, PA
Phone: (215) 861-7646
Toll free: 1-888-799-2085
TTY 1-800-927-9275
www.hud.gov/offices/ftheo/

The Office of Human Rights is a governmental agency that provides Fair Housing education and enforces the Fair Housing Law in Howard County.

Fair Housing Brochures In Other Languages

Please contact the Office of Human Rights for a brochure in Spanish, Korean, Chinese and Vietnamese.

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It Is Against the Law to Discriminate In the Sale or Rental of Housing On the Basis of:

- Race
- Creed
- Color
- Sex
- Age
- Religion
- National origin
- Disability
- Occupation
- Marital status
- Political opinion
- Sexual orientation
- Personal appearance
- Familial status
- Source of income
- Gender Identity



For other types of housing problems (i.e. landlord-tenant, fraud, sales, loans) contact:

Howard County Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) at (410) 313-6420

Your Fair Housing Rights

When you buy or rent, you have the right to:

- See any house or apartment in any neighborhood or location.
- All information about the price, fees, taxes and other charges related to housing.
- Have a contract presented, application considered, income evaluated, and interest and fees charged the same as other persons.
- Take possession of, move into, and live peacefully in the residence of your choice.
- Make, at your expense, reasonable modifications so that the unit is more accessible, such as installing grab bars in the bathroom.

It Is Unlawful To:

- Refuse to rent to you or sell you housing.
- Tell you housing is unavailable when it is.
- Deny persons with disabilities the right to make reasonable accommodations.
- Advertise housing to preferred groups of people or to exclude protected groups.
- Show you homes or apartments only in certain neighborhoods.
- Refuse financing of housing.
- Refuse to provide you information regarding mortgage loans, deny you a mortgage loan or impose different conditions or terms on a mortgage loan.
- Set different terms, conditions or privileges for the sale or rental of a dwelling.
- Deny you property insurance.
- Harass, coerce, intimidate or interfere with anyone exercising or assisting someone else with his or her fair housing rights.

Your Fair Housing Responsibilities

When you sell or rent to others:

- You must make the unit available to all persons.
- The conditions for sale or rent must be the same for all applicants.
- You should not steer applicants to homes selected because of the racial, religious, or ethnic characteristics of the area.

When You Advertise:

It is discriminatory if you make or your agent causes the making, printing or publishing of any notice, statement or advertisement regarding the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicates a preference or limitation.

For a complete copy of Howard County's Fair Housing Law, go to www.co.ho.md.us and click Howard County Charter and Code. The Housing Law will be under Title 12, Subtitle 2, Section 12.207.

