

# Discrimination can be subtle.

## Here are some of the signs:

1. You are told that the unit (house, apartment) has just been rented when you show up to view it or when you call to inquire about it, but you keep seeing a “For Rent” sign.
2. A landlord tells you that “this is a quiet area and children can be loud. Perhaps you will be happier elsewhere.”
3. Your mortgage lender keeps making excuses or requires more paperwork when applying for a mortgage.
4. After speaking with a housing provider over the phone, you show up with your child(ren) to look at it and are told the unit is no longer available.
5. The landlord asks for a security deposit or monthly fee for an assistance animal. Assistance animals aren’t “pets,” and housing providers are not allowed to charge a monthly fee for them.
6. The landlord states that they are fine with you living there, but they do not want any of your friends to visit.
7. Your real estate agent discourages you from looking at homes in a particular neighborhood.

## Vision Statement

The Fair Housing Center will be a leading visible force in preventing, correcting, and eliminating discriminatory housing practices. To achieve our vision, the Center works as a trusted community resource, engaging in education and outreach, advocacy for anti-discriminatory housing policies, mediation, research and investigation, and enforcement actions.

## Mission Statement

The Fair Housing Center is a nonprofit civil rights agency that promotes housing choice, the creation of inclusive communities of opportunity, and the protection and expansion of fair housing rights to support strong communities free of housing discrimination.

## The Fair Housing Center

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# What We Do

## Advocate

If your rights have been violated, we will be your number one supporter. Persons who experience discrimination are confused and frustrated, and we are here to help every step of the way. No one should feel like they are alone in the fight for justice, and The Fair Housing Center ensures that will never happen.

## Educate

The Fair Housing Center understands that some people may not be aware of the fair housing laws or identify discriminatory practices. To share this information with housing professionals, we distribute materials, offer training, host outreach events, and much more. By ensuring everyone is familiar with fair housing rights, this can help to eliminate discriminatory practices. It can also help people to recognize when they are being treated unfairly.

## Investigate

The Fair Housing Center is here to ensure all people get the same housing opportunities. Being treated in a discriminatory manner is unjust and unlawful. If you feel that you have been treated unfairly, we will actively listen to your complaint. If necessary, we can investigate and pursue legal action.



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## The Fair Housing Center

The Fair Housing Center was established in 1975 in response to housing discrimination. Today, we continue to make sure all persons are given equal opportunity in the housing market. All who seek housing should have an equal opportunity to rent, purchase, finance, or insure the property they choose. The Fair Housing Act protects people against discrimination. Discrimination isn't just unfair, destructive, or humiliating. Discrimination is illegal.

Housing, free of discrimination, opens the door to other opportunities.

Where you live often determines the quality of education your children receive, employment options, and access to health services. By promoting diversity, equal housing also enhances the fabric of our community.

Everyone is a member of a protected class.

### Protected Classes include:

Race	Military Status*
Familial Status	Gender Identity**
Disability	Immigration Status**
Color	Sexual Orientation**
National Origin	Source of Income**
Sex	*State Protection
Religion	**Local Protection