



FAIR HOUSING: WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU



WHEN WE EMBRACE DIVERSITY, WE BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES.

Studies show that diversity helps broaden children's social networks by creating opportunities for interaction across racial and ethnic lines. And that in turn contributes to greater tolerance, fair-mindedness and openness. Housing discrimination deters the creation of diverse communities. The federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status or disability. To file a discrimination complaint or to learn more about fair housing and diverse communities, contact HUD or your local fair housing center.

Visit hud.gov/fairhousing or call the HUD Hotline **1-800-669-9777** (English/Español)

FAIR HOUSING IS YOUR RIGHT. USE IT!



A public service message from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in partnership with the National Fair Housing Alliance.

April is Fair Housing Month. The federal [Fair Housing Act](#) protects individuals and families from housing discrimination, whether they are renting, buying, or securing financing for any type of housing. [Federal laws](#) certify that a home buyer or renter should have equal access to housing and cannot be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or the presence of children. Additionally, the state of Florida protects against discrimination based upon HIV status or pregnancy and Broward County's local fair housing laws offer additional protections for discrimination based on age, gender expression or identity, marital status, political affiliation and sexual orientation.

If you are in the market to rent or buy a new home, you should know your rights.

The following actions cannot be taken based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing
- Refuse to negotiate for housing
- Make housing unavailable or deny a dwelling
- Set different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Provide different housing services or facilities
- For profit, persuade owners to sell or rent (blockbusting)
- Deny anyone access to or membership in a facility or service (such as a multiple listing service) related to the sale or rental of housing.

Want to learn more?

Broward Housing Council [Information on Fair Housing Protection](#) or call 954-357-7800.
US Department of Housing and Urban Development [Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity](#)
HUD Regional Office (Atlanta) at 800-440-8091