# Are You a Victim of Housing Discrimination?

# Fair Housing is Your Right!

If you have been denied your housing rights...you may have experienced unlawful discrimination.



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

# WHERE TO MAIL YOUR FORM OR INQUIRE ABOUT YOUR CLAIM

#### For Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont: NEW ENGLAND OFFICE Fair Housing Hub

U.S. Dept. of Housing Hub U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building 10 Causeway Street, Room 321 Boston, MA 02222-1092 Telephone (617) 994-8320 or 1-800-827-5005 Fax (617) 565-7313 • TTY (617) 565-5453 E-mail: Complaints\_office\_01@hud.gov

#### For New Jersey and New York: NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY OFFICE

Fair Housing Hub U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development 26 Federal Plaza, Room 3532 New York, NY 10278-0068 Telephone (212) 264-1290 or 1-800-496-4294 Fax (212) 264-9829 • TTY (212) 264-0927 E-mail: Complaints office 02@hud.gov

#### For Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia: MID-ATLANTIC OFFICE

Fair Housing Hub U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development The Wanamaker Building 100 Penn Square East Philadelphia, PA 19107 Telephone (215) 656-0663 or 1-888-799-2085 Fax (215) 656-3419 - TTY (215) 656-3450 E-mail: **Complaints\_office\_03@hud.gov** 

#### For Alabama, the Caribbean, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee: SOUTHEAST/CARIBBEAN OFFICE

Fair Housing Hub U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Five Points Plaza 40 Marietta Street, 16th Floor Atlanta, GA 30303-2808 Telephone (404) 331-5140 or 1-800-440-8091 Fax (404) 331-1021 • TTY (404) 730-2654 E-mail: **Complaints\_office\_04@hud.gov** 

#### For Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin: MIDWEST OFFICE

Fair Housing Hub U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 2101 Chicago, IL 60604-3507 Telephone (312) 353-7776 or 1-800-765-9372 Fax (312) 886-2837 • TTY (312) 353-7143 E-mail: **Complaints\_office\_05@hud.gov** 

# For Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas: SOUTHWEST $\ensuremath{\mathsf{OFFICE}}$

Fair Housing Hub U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development 801 North Cherry, 27th Floor Fort Worth, TX 76102 Telephone (817) 978-5900 or 1-888-560-8913 Fax (817) 978-5876 or 5851 • TTY (817) 978-5595 E-mail: **Complaints\_office 06@hud.gov** 

#### For Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska: GREAT PLAINS OFFICE

Fair Housing Hub U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Gateway Tower II 400 State Avenue, Room 200, 4th Floor Kansas City, KS 66101-2406 Telephone (913) 551-6958 or 1-800-743-5323 Fax (913) 551-6856 • TTY (913) 551-6972 E-mail: Complaints\_office\_07@hud.gov

#### For Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming: ROCKY MOUNTAINS OFFICE

Fair Housing Hub U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development 1670 Broadway Denver, CO 80202-4801 Telephone (303) 672-5437 or 1-800-877-7353 Fax (303) 672-5026 • TTY (303) 672-5248 E-mail: **Complaints\_office\_08@hud.gov** 

#### For Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada: PACIFIC/HAWAII OFFICE

Fair Housing Hub U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development 600 Harrison Street, Third Floor San Francisco, CA 94107-1300 Telephone (415) 489-6524 or 1-800-347-3739 Fax (415) 489-6558 +TTY (415) 436-6594 E-mail: **Complaints\_office\_09@hud.gov** 

#### For Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: NORTHWEST/ALASKA OFFICE Fair Housing Hub

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Seattle Federal Office Building 909 First Avenue, Room 205 Seattle, WA 98104-1000 Telephone (206) 220-5170 or 1-800-877-0246 Fax (206) 220-5447 • TTY (206) 220-5185 E-mail: **Complaints\_office\_10@hud.gov** 

#### If after contacting the local office nearest you, you still have ques-

tions – you may contact HUD further at: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity 451 7th Street, S.W., Room 5204 Washington, DC 20410-2000 Telephone (202) 708-0836 or 1-800-669-9777 Fax (202) 708-1425 • TTY 1-800-927-9275

#### To file electronically, visit: www.hud.gov

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Public Reporting Burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to collect this information by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, (P.L. 100-430); Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (P.L. 88-352); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93-112); Section 109 of Title I- Housing and Community DevelopmentActof1974, as amended, (P.L.97-35); Americans with Disabilities Actof1990, (P.L. 101-336); and by the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 6103).

The information will be used to investigate and to process housing discrimination complaints. The information may be disclosed to the United States Department of Justice for its use in the filing of pattern and practice suits of housing discrimination or the prosecution of the person(s) who committed that discrimination where violence is involved; and to State or local fair housing agencies that a d minister substantially equivalent fair housing laws for complaint processing. Failure to provide some or all of the requested information will result in delay or denial of HUD assistance.

Disclosure of this information is voluntary.





# HOUSING DISCRIMINATION INFORMATION

Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano Oficina de Derecho Equitativo a la Vivienda U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

**Instructions:** (Please type or print) Read this form carefully. Try to answer all questions. If you do not know the answer or a question does not apply to you, leave the space blank. You have one year from the date of the alleged discrimination to file a complaint. Your form should be signed and dated.

Your Name			
Your Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Best time to call	Your Daytime Phone No	Evening Phone No	

# Who else can we call if we cannot reach you?

Contact's Name	Best Time to call
Daytime Phone No	Evening Phone No
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#### What happened to you?

How were you discriminated against?

For example: were you refused an opportunity to rent or buy housing? Denied a loan? Told that housing was not available when in fact it was? Treated differently from others seeking housing? State briefly what happened.

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## Why do you think you are a victim of housing discrimination?

Is it because of your:

•race • color • religion • sex • national origin • familial status (families with children under 18) • disability?

For example: were you denied housing because of your race? Were you denied a mortgage loan because of your religion? Or turned down for an apartment because you have children?

Briefly explain why you think your housing rights were denied and circle the factor(s) listed above that you believe apply.

## Who do you believe discriminated against you?

For example: was it a landlord, owner, bank, real estate agent, broker, company, or organization? Identify who you believe discriminated against you.

Name
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Address

# Where did the alleged act of discrimination occur?

For example: Was it at a rental unit? Single family home? Public or Assisted Housing? A Mobile Home? Did it occur at a bank or other lending institution? Provide the address.

Address		
City	State	Zip Code
When did the last act of disc Enter the date	crimination occur	?//
Is the alleged discrimination continu	ing or ongoing?	Yes No
Signature		Date

Send this form to HUD or to the fair housing agency nearest you. If you are unable to complete this form, you may call that office directly. See address and telephone listings on back page.



## It is Unlawful to Discriminate in Housing Based on These Factors...

- Race
- Color
- National origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial status (families with children under the age of 18, or who are expecting a child)
- Handicap (if you or someone close to you has a disability)

## If You Believe Your Rights Have Been Violated...

- HUD or a State or local fair housing agency is ready to help you file a complaint.
- After your information is received, HUD or a State or local fair housing agency will contact you to discuss the concerns you raise.

Detach here. Fold and close with glue or tape (no staples)

Keep this information for your records. Date you mailed your information to HUD: Address to which you sent the information:	//
Office Street	Telephone
City State	Zip Code

If you have not heard from HUD or a State or local fair housing agency within three weeks from the date you mailed this form, you may call to inquire about the status of your complaint. See address and telephone listings on back page.

# ARE YOU A VICTIM OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION?

"The American Dream of having a safe and decent place to call 'home' reflects our shared belief that in this nation, opportunity and success are within everyone's reach. Under our Fair Housing laws, every citizen is assured the opportunity to build a better life in the home or apartment of their choice — regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status or disability."

Alphonso Jackson Secretary

# How do you recognize Housing Discrimination?

# Under the Fair Housing Act, it is Against the Law to:

- Refuse to rent to you or sell you housing
- Tell you housing is unavailable when in fact it is available
- Show you apartments or homes only in certain neighborhoods
- Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Provide different housing services or facilities
- Advertise housing to preferred groups of people only
- Refuse to provide you with information regarding mortgage loans, deny you a mortgage loan, or impose different terms or conditions on a mortgage loan
- Deny you property insurance
- Conduct property appraisals in a discriminatory manner
- Refuse to make reasonable accomodations for persons with a disability if the accommodation may be necessary to afford such person a reasonable and equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling.
- Fail to design and construct housing in an accessible manner
- Harass, coerce, intimidate, or interfere with anyone exercising or assisting someone else with his/her fair housing rights