

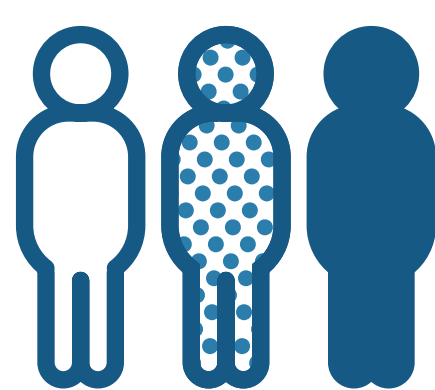
# A Homeowner & Buyer's Guide to **FAIR HOUSING**

*Enacted in the late 1960's,  
fair housing laws make  
our communities stronger  
and more diverse.*

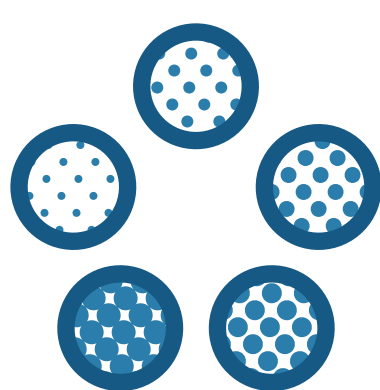
## **YOU ARE PROTECTED UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT**

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination when you are renting, buying, or securing financing for any housing.

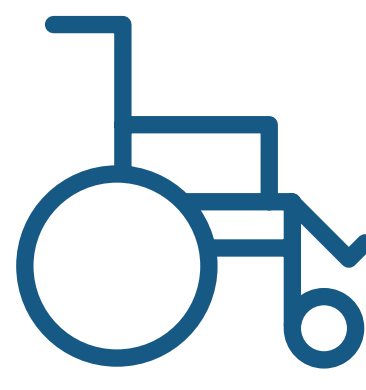
It prohibits discrimination based on the following<sup>1</sup>:



**RACE**



**COLOR**



**DISABILITY**



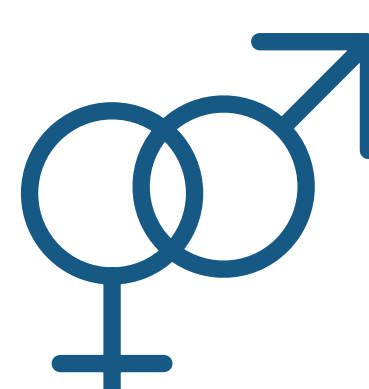
**FAMILIAL  
STATUS**



**NATIONAL  
ORIGIN**



**RELIGION**



**GENDER**

## **WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS WHEN BUYING A HOME?**

You have the right to expect that housing will be available to you without discrimination or other limitations based on race, color, religion, sex (gender), handicap (disability), familial status, or national origin.



### **EXPLORING YOUR OPTIONS**

Your right to fair professional service means your real estate practitioner must give you the opportunity to look at a variety of housing choices within your price range, without discrimination<sup>2</sup>.



### **CHOOSING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

You have the right to pursue the house you want, in whatever neighborhood that might be. Whether you are house hunting in an urban area or a rural town, you can look at locations that match your needs without fear of bias or prejudice<sup>3</sup>. Talk to your agent about what's important to you before going to look at properties.



### **PURCHASING YOUR HOME**

You have the right to a non-discriminatory, fair sale of a home. During the purchase process, including when you apply for financing, you have a right to fair and equal treatment<sup>4</sup>.

## **EXERCISE YOUR FAIR HOUSING RIGHTS**

Everyone has the same opportunity to pursue the dream of homeownership. Learn more about the importance of fair housing and where to go to report a violation.



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ASSOCIATION  
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[NAR.realtor/fair-housing](https://www.nar.realtor/fair-housing)

Visit [NAR.realtor](https://www.nar.realtor) to get in touch with your local REALTOR® board or to learn more about fair housing.



**U.S. DEPARTMENT  
OF HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[HUD.gov/fairhousing](https://www.hud.gov/fairhousing)

If you're curious about your fair housing rights, or need to file a complaint, visit [HUD.gov](https://www.hud.gov) for more information.

#### SOURCES

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