

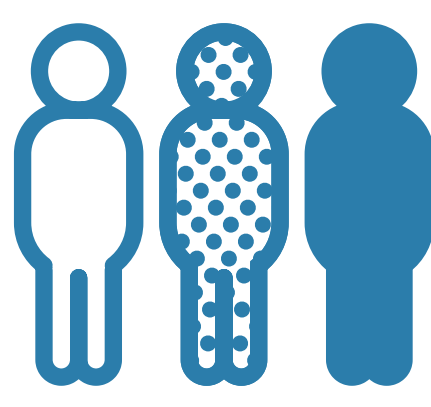
# A HOMEOWNER AND BUYER'S GUIDE to FAIR HOUSING

Fair housing laws make our communities stronger and more diverse. April 11, 2018 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act.

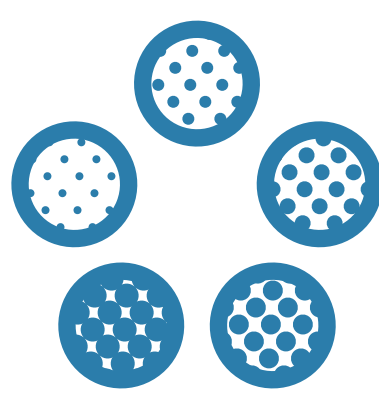
## ARE YOU PROTECTED UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT?

The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they are renting, buying, or securing financing for any housing.

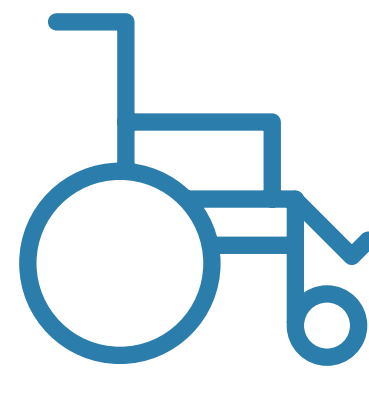
It prohibits discrimination based on the following<sup>1</sup>:



RACE



COLOR



DISABILITY



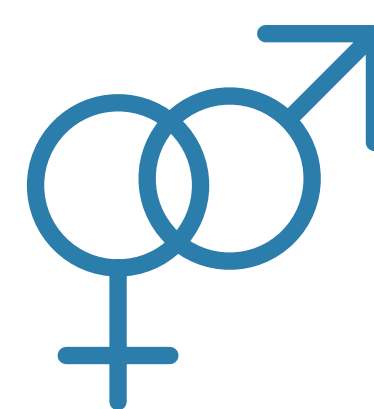
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## WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS WHEN BUYING A HOME?

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 home ownership. Learn more about the importance of fair housing and where to look if you need to report a violation.



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Visit [www.NAR.realtor](http://www.NAR.realtor) to get in touch with your local REALTOR® board or to learn more about fair housing over the past 50 years.

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



The National Association of REALTORS® joins its 1.3 million REALTORS® across the country to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and further advocate for fair housing laws to promote inclusion and diversity in the nation's communities.

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