

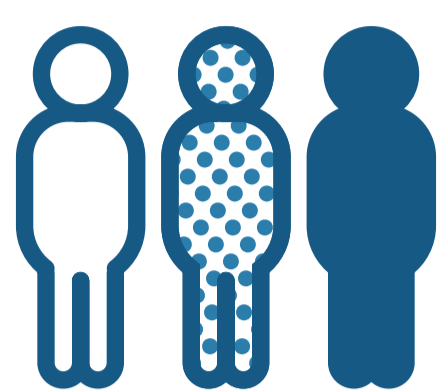
A Homeowner & Buyer's Guide to **FAIR HOUSING**

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

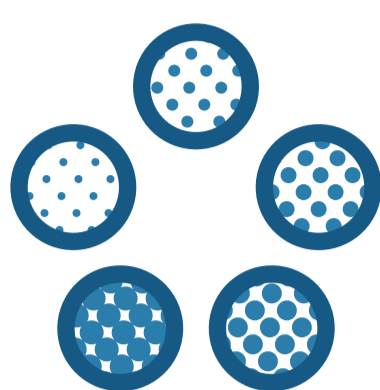
YOU ARE PROTECTED UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

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

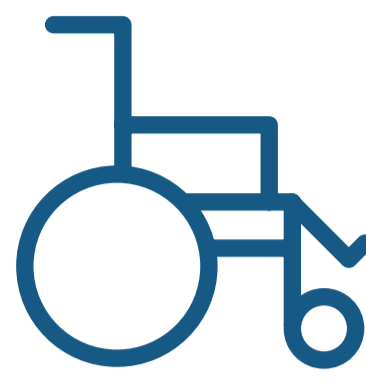
It prohibits discrimination based on the following¹:



RACE



COLOR



DISABILITY



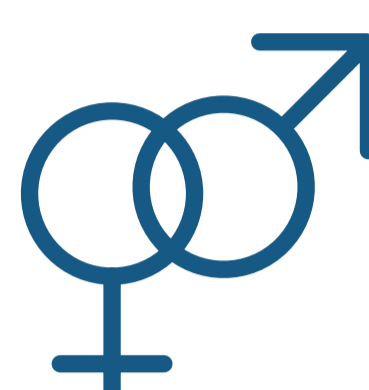
**FAMILIAL
STATUS**



**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 discrimination².



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 prejudice³. 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 treatment⁴.

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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[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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