

Discrimination

Florida and federal law prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, familial status and religion. Various local laws add prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation and other factors. Check your local codes for details.

How do you recognize housing discrimination?

Based on the factors listed above, it is against the law to:

- Refuse to rent or sell you housing.
- Tell you housing is unavailable when in fact it is available.
- Show you apartments or homes in certain neighborhoods only.
- Advertise housing to preferred groups of people only.
- Deny you property insurance
- Refuse to make certain modifications or accommodations for persons with a mental or physical disability.
- Harass, coerce, intimidate or interfere with anyone exercising or assisting someone else with their fair housing rights.

Florida Housing Discrimination: 1-800-342-8170. Federal Housing Discrimination "Hotline": 1-800-669-9777

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