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Fair Housing and People with Disabilities



Your Rights Against Housing Discrimination

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS

For more information about your rights or to file a complaint, please contact:

MD Commission on Human Relations
410-767-8600 / 800-637-6247
TTY/TDD 410-333-1737
<http://www.mchr.state.md.us/>

*U. S. Department of
Housing & Urban Development (HUD)*
410-962-2520
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*Baltimore City Community
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410-396-3141
<http://www.baltimorecity.gov>

*Baltimore County Human
Relations Commission*
410-887-5917
<http://www.baltimorecounty.gov>



WHAT IS HOUSING DISCRIMINATION?

It is against the law to discriminate in the sale or rental of housing on the basis of:

- Physical or Mental Disability.
- Race or Color.
- Religion.
- Sex.
- Familial Status.
- Sexual Orientation.

It is illegal to:

- Refuse to rent, sell, mortgage, or give a loan to any qualified person.
- Discriminate in the terms and conditions for renting or buying housing.
- Advertise that housing is available only to persons who do not have a disability, who are of a certain race, color, religion, or without children.
- Deny that housing is available for rent or sale when it really is available.
- Steer persons into or away from a neighborhood or apartment complex.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME?

If you have a disability, you are protected under the law. It is against the law to:

- Refuse to permit, at the expense of the renter, reasonable housing modifications that are necessary for the daily life of a person with a mental or physical disability.
- Refuse to adjust the rules, policies, services, or practices that interfere with the use of an apartment, condo, or house by a person with a mental or physical disability. For example, an accessible parking space must be made easily available.
- Have multi-family housing first occupied after 1991 that is not accessible to people with disabilities. This must have:
 - ✓ Accessible housing units and access (wide doors & hallways).
 - ✓ Accessible public / common areas.
 - ✓ An effective way to communicate with a person with a disability.