

# NORTHWEST FAIR HOUSING ALLIANCE

“WORKING TO INSURE EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL”

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**NWFHA serves 17 Eastern WA Counties:**

Spokane, Lincoln, Grant, Adams, Whitman, Douglas, Yakima, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, Asotin, Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, & Pend Oreille.



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## History

April 11, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which was meant as a follow-up to the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The 1968 act expanded on previous acts and prohibited discrimination concerning the sale, rental, and financing of housing transactions based on race, religion, national origin, sex, (and as amended) handicap and family status. Title VIII of the Act is also known as the Fair Housing Act (of 1968).

The enactment of the federal Fair Housing Act came only after a long and difficult journey. From 1966-1967, Congress regularly considered the fair housing bill, but failed to garner a strong enough majority for its passage.

However, when the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson utilized this national tragedy to urge for the bill's speedy Congressional approval.

Since the 1966 open housing marches in Chicago, Dr. King's name had been closely associated with the fair housing legislation. President Johnson viewed the Act as a fitting memorial to the man's life work, and wished to have the Act passed prior to Dr. King's funeral in Atlanta.



“We have come some of the way, not near all of it. There is much left to do.”

~President Lyndon B. Johnson,  
April 11, 1968, the day the Fair  
Housing Act was signed.



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## Northwest Fair Housing Alliance

The Northwest Fair Housing Alliance (NWFHA) is a private, non-profit agency dedicated to ending illegal housing discrimination and enforcing the Fair Housing Act for the residents of Eastern Washington.



### NWFHA concentrates on four areas:

#### Complaint Investigation:

Intake of discrimination complaints, investigation, assistance with the complaint process

#### Advocacy:

Assistance to complainants through the discrimination complaint process

#### Education:

Basic and tailored fair housing education for consumers and providers of housing related services

#### Information and Referral:

Current information on regional housing service providers, attorneys, and state, local or federal agencies

## How Do I Recognize Housing Discrimination?

Federal law makes it illegal to discriminate in housing transactions because of:



Race  
Color  
National Origin  
Religion  
Sex  
Disability  
Familial Status (children in home)

### WA State & local laws may include additional protected basis such as:

Marital Status  
Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity  
Veteran/Military Status

### Discriminatory examples include:

Refuse to rent or sell you housing

Tell you housing is unavailable when in fact it is

Subject you to different terms & conditions of tenancy or evict you

Refuse certain modifications or accommodations for persons with mental or physical disabilities

Fail to design & construct housing in an accessible manner

Harass, coerce, intimidate or interfere with anyone exercising or assisting someone else with their fair housing rights

## If you don't report housing discrimination, it can't be stopped!

Please complete and mail this form to:

Northwest Fair Housing Alliance  
35 W. Main, Suite 250  
Spokane, WA 99201

I believe my housing rights have been violated because of my:

Race                      Color                      National Origin  
Religion                      Sex                      Disability  
Familial Status      Marital Status      Gender Identity  
Sexual Orientation      Veteran/Military Status

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Northwest Fair Housing Alliance offers educational opportunities:

- Fair Housing Basics
- Fair Housing Rights & Responsibilities for Landlords & Property Managers
- Reasonable Accommodations/Modifications

Please call for schedule & rates