The **Fair Housing Act** is a Federal law that protects your right to:

- **Choose** housing in your price range, free of discrimination
- Select a home or neighborhood to live in without limitations or steering
- Have equal opportunity to housing, home loans, appraisals, or insurance
- **Receive equal terms,** conditions and services regarding your housing
- Equal access—if you are a person with disabilities, you have the right to ask for reasonable accommodations (exceptions) in rules, policies, practices, or services, and/or

**reasonable modifications** to make your home physically accessible

• **Freedom** from harassment or intimidation for exercising your fair housing rights.

#### Cities and towns must also follow the Fair Housing laws when building,

siting, developing, and planning housing in neighborhoods. Local Governments decide the types of housing and zoning allowed and must actively work to eliminate housing segregation and discrimination.



If you think you have been discriminated against in a housing transaction, contact:

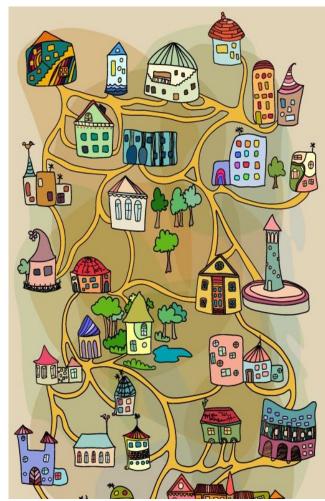
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NWFHA can advise you of your options and advocate for you. Our services are free. Our office is accessible.



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## What is Fair Housing?





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# The Fair Housing Act protects you against discrimination in housing transactions because of your:

Race Color National Origin Religion Sex / Gender (Sexual Orientation / Gender Identity) Disability Familial Status

These are called "Protected Classes."

### The actions below are illegal if done because of your "protected class"

- Refuse to sell or rent to you
- Discriminate against you in the terms, conditions, or privileges of a sale or rental
- Tell you that a dwelling is not available for sale or rent when it really is
- Convince you to sell or rent your home because people of a particular race, color, national origin, etc. are moving into the neighborhood.
- Make discriminatory advertisements or statements against your protected class.

#### Fair Housing protects you when:

#### Buying



#### Borrowing



#### Renting





Insuring



Zoning

