

NORTHWEST FAIR HOUSING ALLIANCE

“WORKING TO ENSURE EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL”

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Northwest Fair
Housing Alliance

NWFHA offices are accessible to people with disabilities. Services are free.

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.

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 laws and prohibited discrimination concerning the sale, rental, and financing of housing transactions based on race, religion, national origin, (and as amended) sex, disability (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 considered fair housing bills, but failed to garner a majority for its passage.

However, following the national tragedy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination April 4, 1968, President Lyndon Johnson urge Congress to quickly pass a Fair Housing Act.

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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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)**

WA State and local laws have additional protected characteristics.

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 and conditions of tenancy or evict you

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

Fail to design and 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
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I believe my housing rights have been violated because of my:

Race **Color** **National Origin**
Religion **Sex** **Disability**
Familial Status

Other: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Northwest Fair Housing Alliance offers educational opportunities, including: in-person and live and recorded virtual fair housing courses.

Please contact us for more information.