## My housing situation is "unfair!"

Can Northwest Fair Housing Alliance help me?

- The Fair Housing Act (FHA): is a law that protects you from housing discrimination because of your race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or familial status (children in the household).
- NWFHA Advocates can listen, ask questions and help you determine if it is discrimination. Advocates will give you options, provide guidance and share resources so you can assert your rights in housing.
- Unfortunately, many housing situations are "unfair" <u>but</u> are not discriminatory.
  If your housing situation falls under the landlord tenant laws, you will need a legal remedy; NWFHA can refer you to free legal services.
- The FHA states persons with disabilities can ask most housing providers for a reasonable accommodation (RA) or modification (RM) if it is needed because of a disability.
- If a person with disabilities needs support, NWFHA Advocates can make RA/RM requests to a housing provider for that person.
- If you believe you are facing housing discrimination, or you were denied a RA/RM request, NWFHA Advocates can help you file a complaint with the federal government or the WA State Human Rights Commission.
   The advocate supports you; explains the steps, discusses evidence, drafts and files the complaint and accompanies you in investigation interviews.



NWFHA's services are free and the office is accessible.

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