

WHAT IS FAIR HOUSING?

THE RIGHT TO HOUSING WITHOUT FEAR OF DISCRIMINATION

According to the Fair Housing Act, it is illegal to discriminate in the sale or rental of housing, including against individuals seeking a mortgage or housing assistance, or in other housing-related activities.

THE FAIR HOUSING ACT PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF:

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



Housing Counseling Services, Inc.

WHAT HCS DOES?

1. Educate housing consumers and housing providers about the Fair Housing Act and local fair housing laws.
2. Counsel housing consumers who suspect that they may have been a victim of housing discrimination.
3. Assist housing consumers in filing complaints of possible housing discrimination.

HOW TO CONTACT HCS?

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