

WHAT IS HOUSING DISCRIMINATION?

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings and in other housing-related activities based on disability, among other protected classes. The Fair Housing Act includes public housing agencies, property owners, landlords, housing managers, real estate agents, brokerage service agencies, and banks. Persons and entities covered by the Fair Housing Act are prohibited from discriminating against applicants or residents because of their disability of anyone associated with them and from treating persons with disabilities less favorably than others because of their disability.

In the case of persons with disabilities:

Housing discrimination can be a refusal to permit reasonable modifications of existing premises and the refusal to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services, when such accommodations may be necessary to afford such person equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling.

FILE A COMPLAINT

File a complaint online at:

<https://civilrights.baltimorecity.gov/community-relations-commission/file>

Phone: 410.396.3143

Fax: 410.244.0176

Email: CRCIntake@baltimorecity.gov

Address: 7 E. Redwood St. 9th Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

The CRC also accepts complaints regarding employment, public accommodations, health and welfare agencies, and education.

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BALTIMORE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

FAIR HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Have you been discriminated against in housing?

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FEDERAL AND LOCAL LAW

FEDERAL: THE FAIR HOUSING ACT, AS AMENDED

Prohibits housing discrimination against the individuals based on the following:

race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, & disability

ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND

Prohibits housing discrimination against all federal protected classes in addition to:

sexual orientation, gender identity, & marital status

ARTICLE 4 OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CODE

Prohibits housing discrimination against all federal & state protected classes in addition to:

age, ancestry, & source of income

WHAT IS SOURCE OF INCOME?

Any lawful source of money paid directly or indirectly to, or on behalf of, a renter or buyer of housing including any government or private assistance.

We're here to help

INVESTIGATIONS

CRC Investigators will help you file a complaint of discrimination. Complaints may be forwarded to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or investigated by CRC staff.



WHAT IS A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION?

According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), "Under the Fair Housing Act a reasonable accommodation is a change, exception, or adjustment to a rule, policy, practice, or service in order to afford a person with a disability full enjoyment of the premises."

WHAT IS A REASONABLE MODIFICATION?

According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), "Under the Fair Housing Act, a reasonable modification is a structural change made to existing premises, occupied or to be occupied by a person with a disability, in order to afford such person full enjoyment of the premises."

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