

WHAT IS HOUSING DISCRIMINATION?

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 this discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status and disability. It is illegal to discriminate because of national origin in the sale, rental or financing of dwellings, and in other housing related transactions.

WHAT IF I MAKE A COMPLAINT AND MY LANDLORD CALLS ICE?

It is illegal to coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with a person's exercise or enjoyment of rights granted or protected by the Fair Housing Act. This includes threats to report a person to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) if they report housing discrimination to HUD.

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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EQUITY ACCOUNTABILITY INTEGRITY

BALTIMORE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

FAIR HOUSING FOR
IMMIGRANTS &
REFUGEES

Have you been discriminated against in housing?

Call the CRC to file a complaint:
410-396-3143



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We're here to help

INVESTIGATIONS

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



WHAT IS HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON NATIONAL ORIGIN?

According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), "National origin discrimination is different treatment in housing because of a person's ancestry, ethnicity, birthplace, culture, or language, and it is illegal. This means people cannot be denied housing opportunities because they or their family are from another country, because they have a name or accent associated with a national origin group, because they participate in certain customs associated with a national origin group, or because they are married to or associate with people of a certain national origin."

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 protected classes in addition to:

age, ancestry, & source of income

DOES IMMIGRATION STATUS AFFECT WHETHER A PERSON IS COVERED?

No. Every person in the United States is protected by the Fair Housing Act and in addition every person in Baltimore is protected by Article 4. **You have rights to fair housing regardless of immigration status.**

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