

# Fair Housing in Vermont



What is “Fair Housing”? Fair housing is your right to rent, buy or finance housing free from discrimination. People who are looking for housing should only be judged on their qualifications, such as their ability to pay or their rental history.

**In Vermont, you are protected because of your:**

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Gender
- Family Status
- Disability
- Age
- Marital Status
- Sexual Orientation
- Receipt of Public Assistance
- Gender Identity



**It is ILLEGAL to take the following actions because of a person’s protected status:**

- Refuse to rent or sell
- Make the dwelling unavailable
- Provide different services
- Interact with people differently
- Harass
- Say a dwelling is unavailable when it is available
- Make a notice of sale or rent which prohibits a class of person
- Intimidate, threaten or interfere with any person in housing or applying for housing
- Discriminate in the making of loans
- Pressure people to sell or move out
- Retaliation



*Have you been treated unfairly? To file a complaint:*

**Vermont Human Rights Commission: 1-800-416-2010**

**Vermont Legal Aid: 1-800-889-2047**

**HUD Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity: 1-866-669-9777**

For more information, contact: **CVOEO Fair Housing Project**  
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# What does Housing Discrimination sound like?

“You can’t live here because you have too many kids.”

“We don’t allow families with children to live on the second floor.”

“I don’t want those changes like a ramp or grab bar here.”

“You will have to pay more because you have children.”

“Professional people only. No kids or Section 8.”

“You have to speak English to live here.”

“You will make the neighbors uncomfortable.”

“You have to be married to live together.”

“It will be an extra \$50 a month per kid.”

“Christians only.”

“People who live here can’t wear those veils (hijab).”



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