

Fair Housing is Your Right!

Fair housing is the 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 ability to pay or rental history.

If you have been treated unfairly because of...

**RACE • COLOR • NATIONAL ORIGIN • RELIGION • FAMILY STATUS • SEX
DISABILITY • AGE • MARITAL STATUS • SEXUAL ORIENTATION • GENDER IDENTITY
RECEIPT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE • ABUSE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING**

... when renting or buying a home, getting a mortgage, obtaining housing insurance, seeking housing assistance, or in other housing-related activities, then you have experienced illegal discrimination.

Housing discrimination is against the law.

Discrimination is not always obvious and can take many forms. It may happen when a landlord refuses to rent you an apartment, tells you it is unavailable when it is vacant, steers you toward

a different location, or if the terms and conditions of your lease are different from those of the landlord's other tenants. Illegal discrimination can also happen in advertisements.

If you have been discriminated against in housing, contact:

- Vermont Human Rights Commission
(802) 828-1625, 1-800-416-2010
1-877-294-9200 (TDD)
hrc.vermont.gov
- Vermont Legal Aid / Legal Services Vermont
1-800-889-2047
vtlawhelp.org

Tenant rights & referrals:

- CVOEO Vermont Tenants Hotline
(802) 864-0099
vttenants.org

Help stabilizing housing & preventing homelessness:

- CVOEO Housing Assistance Program
(802) 863-6248 ext. 4
cvoeo.org/housing-assistance

More resources:

- CVOEO Fair Housing Handbooks
Available in Arabic, Burmese, Chinese, English, French, Nepali, and Somali at www.cvoeo.org/FHP-resources

Contact the **Fair Housing Project** to learn more about your rights, access resources, schedule trainings, and join the Thriving Communities campaign — a statewide initiative dedicated to promoting housing affordability and inclusiveness:

Fair Housing Project of CVOEO
(802) 660-3456 x 106 • fhp@cvoeo.org

 thrivingcommunitiesvt.org

  [thrivingcommunitiesvt](https://www.facebook.com/thrivingcommunitiesvt)

 [VTFairHousing](https://twitter.com/VTFairHousing) | [ThrivingVermont](https://www.facebook.com/ThrivingVermont)



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).”

Have you been treated unfairly? To file a complaint, contact:

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