

# Fair Housing is Your Right!

Fair housing is the right to rent, buy, finance, and live in a home free from discrimination or harassment. If you have been treated unfairly because of your...



RACE • COLOR • NATIONAL ORIGIN • RELIGION • FAMILY STATUS • SEX  
DISABILITY • AGE • MARITAL STATUS • SEXUAL ORIENTATION • GENDER IDENTITY  
RECEIPT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE • CITIZENSHIP • IMMIGRATION STATUS  
STATUS AS A VICTIM OR SURVIVOR OF 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 may have experienced illegal discrimination.

## Housing discrimination is against the law.

*Discrimination is not always obvious and can take many forms. It can happen when a landlord refuses to rent you an apartment, tells you it is unavailable when it is vacant, or refuses to make a reasonable accommodation or modification for your disability. It can happen when a real estate agent steers you toward a different neighborhood or sets different terms or conditions for you than other buyers. Illegal discrimination can also happen in advertisements.*



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

- Vermont Human Rights Commission  
(802) 828-1625, (800) 416-2010  
(877) 294-9200 (TDD)  
[hrc.vermont.gov](http://hrc.vermont.gov)
- Vermont Legal Aid / Legal Services Vermont  
(800) 889-2047  
[vtlawhelp.org](http://vtlawhelp.org)
- U.S. Attorney's Office, District of VT  
[justice.gov/usao-vt/civil-division](http://justice.gov/usao-vt/civil-division)  
[usavt.ContactUs1@usdoj.gov](mailto:usavt.ContactUs1@usdoj.gov)
- United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)  
1-800-669-9777  
[hud.gov/reporhousingdiscrimination](http://hud.gov/reporhousingdiscrimination)



### Fair Housing Project of CVOEO:

- Learn more about your rights, access resources, schedule workshops & trainings, and join Thriving Communities, a statewide partnership dedicated to promoting housing affordability & inclusiveness:  
[fhp@cvoeo.org](mailto:fhp@cvoeo.org) • [cvoeo.org/fhp](http://cvoeo.org/fhp)
- Fair Housing Handbooks in multiple languages: [cvoeo.org/FHP-resources](http://cvoeo.org/FHP-resources)

### Tenant Rights & Resources:

- Vermont Tenants Hotline: (802) 864-0099
- Workshops, information, translated materials & interpreted videos: [cvoeo.org/vermonttenants](http://cvoeo.org/vermonttenants)

### Mobile Home Resources:

- Hotline: (802) 660-3455 X 204
- Organizing, referrals & advocacy: [cvoeo.org/mhp](http://cvoeo.org/mhp)

# What can 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."

"No assistance animals allowed."

"I don't want changes like a ramp or grab bar here."

"You will have to pay more because you have children."

"You would feel more comfortable in a different neighborhood."

"Single professionals only." • "English speakers only." • "Christians only."

"You will make the neighbors uncomfortable."

"You have to be married to live together."

"We don't accept Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers."

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**Housing is a basic human right and everyone deserves a decent, safe, and affordable place to call home. Communities that are inclusive and welcoming are more vibrant, resilient, and foster opportunity for all.**

**Learn more at  [cvoeo.org/fhp](http://cvoeo.org/fhp) &   [thrivingcommunitiesvt](https://www.instagram.com/thrivingcommunitiesvt)**

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