

# HOUSING DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

How do you recognize Housing Discrimination?

**Under the Fair Housing Act, it is against the law to:**

- Refuse to rent you or sell you housing
- Tell you housing is unavailable when in fact it is available
- Show you apartments or homes in certain neighborhoods only
- Advertise housing to preferred groups of people only
- Refuse to provide you with information regarding mortgage loans, deny you a mortgage loan, or impose different conditions on a mortgage loan
- Deny you property insurance
- Conduct property appraisals in a discriminatory manner
- Refuse to make certain modifications or accommodations for person with a mental or physical disability, including persons recovering from alcohol and substance abuse and HIV/AIDS-related illnesses
- Fail to design and construct housing in an accessible manner
- Harass, coerce, intimidate, or interfere with anyone exercising or assisting someone else with their fair housing rights

**Based on these factors:**

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial Status (families with children under the age of 18 or who are expecting a child),  
or
- Handicap (if you or someone close to you has a disability)

This information is provided as a public service by Cowley County, Kansas in an effort to ensure fair housing for all. Learn more about the Fair Housing Act and housing discrimination, visit [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/fair\\_housing\\_equal\\_opp/fair\\_housing\\_act\\_overview](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/fair_housing_act_overview)

If you believe you have been discriminated against, please contact the HUD Housing Discrimination Complaint HOTLINE at [1-800-669-9777](tel:1-800-669-9777).