



FAIR HOUSING OVERVIEW

1. What is Fair Housing?

Fair housing is the right of individuals to obtain the housing of his or her choice, free from housing discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender, disability, family status, national origin, or other protected characteristics.

2. What is Housing Discrimination?

Housing discrimination is unjust or prejudicial treatment of individuals, in the realm of housing and real estate, based on the individual's protected class status, including, but not limited to race, gender, ethnicity, age, national origin, sexual orientation and gender identity, marital status, or veteran status.

Four types of housing discrimination are rental discrimination, sales discrimination, lending and mortgage discrimination and homeowners insurance discrimination.

3. What Federal and State Laws Provide for Fair Housing?

The right to fair housing is assured by the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 and by the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, which make it unlawful to discriminate in selling, renting, financing and insuring housing.