

Who To Contact:

Southeastern Ohio Legal Services

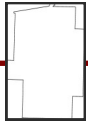
330-339-3998

Toll free @ 800-686-3670

OR

Ohio Legal Rights Service

800-282-9181



US Department of Housing
& Urban Development (HUD)

800-669-9777

800-927-9275 TTY

<http://www.hud.gov>



First ever HUD Mobile App



Ohio Civil Rights Commission

888-278-7101

614-466-9353 TTY

<http://crc.ohio.gov>



None of the information in this brochure is intended to be used as legal advice. Contact an attorney for any legal advice.



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New Philadelphia, OH 44663
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330-364-1368 Fax

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Monday—Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

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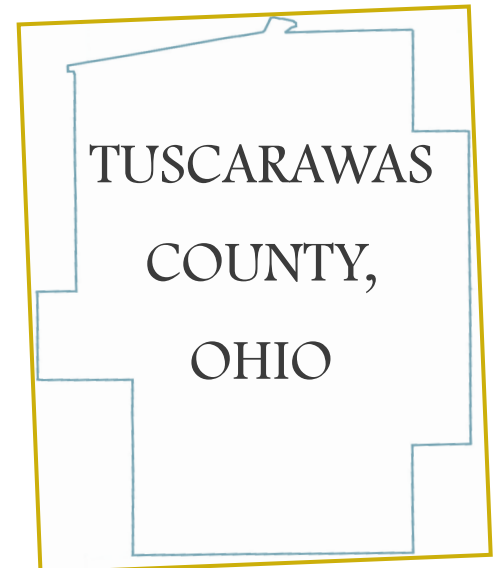
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Do you feel you have been discriminated against??



Fair Housing Guide



OHIO FAIR HOUSING

WHO IS PROTECTED:

The law says you cannot be denied housing or treated differently on the basis of:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Sex
- Disability
- Familial status (presence of children in the family)
- National origin
- Ancestry
- and/or Military status.

RESEARCH MATERIAL :

Below are links to State & Federal Fair Housing Laws:

Federal Fair Housing Laws

US Dept of Justice - Civil Rights Division
42 U.S.C. 3601 (Fair Housing Act)
<http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/hce/title8.php>

HUD—US Department of Housing & Urban Development
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp

Ohio Fair Housing Laws

Ohio Civil Rights Commission
OH Fair Housing Act 1965 (& Amended copies)
<http://www.crc.ohio.gov>

State of Ohio

Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 4112
<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4112>



Ohio Landlord-Tenant Law

State of Ohio
OH Revised Code (ORC) 5321
<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/5321>

This document can be made available in alternative formats upon request.

SOME UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES TO WATCH FOR:

- * You are told the unit you wish to rent is not available when it really is.
- * You are told that no children are allowed in the building.
- * In federally subsidized housing and in some local municipalities (Columbus), LGBT households are also protected from discrimination.
- * You are offered different rental terms or conditions than someone else. For example, a biracial couple is told that a particular unit rents for an amount higher than an amount quoted to a white couple who inquired about the same unit.
- * You are being directed or “steered” to a particular neighborhood or building based on your race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin.
- * You have a disability and the landlord refuses to rent to you or refuses to allow you to make changes to the unit that are needed because of your disability. For instance, you generally have the right to modify your rented home at your expense to allow you to use a wheelchair or make other needed changes. However, you may also be obligated to undo the changes when you leave.





Sometimes landlords refuse to rent to people because they feel the place is not safe for children or that an upstairs apartment is not appropriate for the disabled. This is illegal. You, not your landlord, decide if a home is right for you and your family.

If you believe you have experienced discrimination, call the Ohio Civil Rights Commission at 1-888-278-7101 (<http://crc.ohio.gov/>), a local fair housing agency (<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/ohio/working/fheo/fhagencies>), or find your Ohio Legal Aid office online at <http://www.ohiolegalservices.org/programs>.



REPORTING DISCRIMINATION:

If you feel that you have been a victim of housing discrimination, you have one year to report a violation. You should take the following steps:

-  Make immediate detailed notes of your experience including the date, time, name of agent or landlord, and what you saw or were told & any other important information which can assist in the Investigation of your complaint.
-  Write down a brief description of the alleged violation.
-  Collect & keep copies of advertisements, letters or other relevant written correspondence.
-  Contact your local fair housing office, Ohio Civil Rights Commission, or US Department of Housing & Urban Development.

HOW TO FILE A HOUSING CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION:

Forms are available through the Ohio Civil Rights Commission at the following link:

<http://crc.ohio.gov/FilingCharge/ChargeForms.aspx>

HUD link:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/online-complaint

OR

First ever HUD Mobile App easily lets public file a complaint

