



FAIR HOUSING DIVISION:

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Fair Housing, it's Your Right:

Familial Status, who's protected?

1. The FHA protects families with children even if the children aren't living with their biological parents.
2. The marital status of the adult tenants is irrelevant.
3. Children must be under 18 years' old
4. Children don't have to be part of a household yet. (expectant mother or adoption)

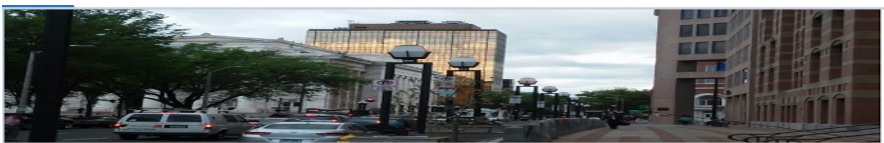


Discrimination in Housing Based Upon Familial Status

The Fair Housing Act, with some exceptions, prohibits discrimination in housing against families with children under 18. In addition to the prohibiting an outright denial of housing to families with children, the Act also prevents

housing providers from imposing any special requirements or conditions on tenants with custody of children. For example, landlords may not locate families with children in any single portion of a complex, place an unreasonable restriction on the total number of persons who may reside in a dwelling, or limit their access to recreational services provided to other tenants. In most instances, the amended Fair Housing Act prohibits a housing provider from refusing to rent or sell to families with children. However, some facilities may be designated as Housing for Older Persons (55 years of age). This type of housing, which meets the standards set forth in the Housing for Older Persons Act of 1995, may operate as "senior" housing. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has published regulations and additional guidance detailing these statutory requirements.

If you feel that you've been victimized by housing discrimination in the City of New Haven, please call LCI at 203-946-7062/7090 for assistance/resources.



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