



FAIR HOUSING DIVISION:

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Learn about the Fair Housing Act:

The Fair Housing Act provides protection from discrimination in the renting, purchasing, or financing of a dwelling, on the bases of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability or familial status (presence of children).

1. What housing is covered?

The Fair Housing Act covers most housing. In some circumstances (on the federal level) the Act exempts owner occupied buildings with no more than four units, in the State of Connecticut it's two units, and single-family housing sold or rented without the use of a broker, and housing operated by organizations and private clubs that limit occupancy to members.

2. What is Prohibited?

In the sale or rental of housing: no one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing
- Refuse to provide information regarding loans

- Make housing unavailable
- Deny a dwelling
- Set different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling.
- Provide different housing services or facilities
- Falsely deny that housing is available for inspection
- For profit, persuade owners to sell or rent (blockbusting) or
- Deny anyone access to or membership in a facility or service (such as a multiple listing service) related to the sale or rental of housing



Photo: March on Washington, 1963. Prior the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

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