

# It's the Law!

According to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act...The opportunity for an individual to ... obtain all the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of ... any housing accommodation and commercial property without discrimination because of race, color, familial status, religious creed, ancestry, handicap or disability, age, sex, national origin, the use of a guide or support animal because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals is hereby recognized as and declared to be a civil right which shall be enforceable as set forth in this act.



**If you believe you  
have experienced  
housing  
discrimination...**

Call TOLL FREE  
PA Fair Housing HOTLINE  
**855-866-5710**

Complaints must be filed within 180  
days of the act of discrimination.



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Learn more about illegal discrimination,  
how to file a complaint with the PHRC,  
or scheduling group trainings at:

**PHRC.pa.gov**  
Or call:  
**(717) 787-4410**  
**(717) 787-7279 (TTY)**



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## Fair Housing is your

# RIGHT

In Pennsylvania, you have the right to live free from illegal discrimination.



**Under the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, it is illegal to discriminate in the sale, rental, finance or otherwise deny or withhold any housing accommodation or commercial property from any person based on:**

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex (LGBTQ)
- Familial Status
- Pregnancy
- Disability
- The use, handling, or training of a guide or support animal for disability
- Age (40 and above)
- Ancestry

### Accessible Housing for Individuals with Disabilities:

- Housing providers and other responsible parties are required to make reasonable accommodations in policies and/or practices that allow a person with a disability an equal opportunity to use their housing, such as requesting reserved parking
- Tenants with disabilities can also request reasonable modifications of the structure of the existing premises to enjoy their housing, such as requesting grab bars in the bathroom

### What does unlawful discrimination in housing look like?

Here are some examples:

- Saying a home is rented when it is still available because they don't want to rent to someone of the applicant's race
- Setting different terms and conditions for sale or rental of a property due to a person having a disability
- Charging a fee for service or support animals
- Refusing to rent or sell to an individual based upon their national origin
- Refusing to rent to families with children under the age of 18
- Refusing a request from a tenant with a disability for closer parking
- Denying maintenance requests because of age

- Evicting a tenant due to their sexuality
- Not providing the same services to an individual who filed a discrimination complaint in retaliation for filing a complaint
- Denying a loan request because of an applicant's sex

### Beware:

- Steering prevents community members from having their full range of housing options
- Advertisements, phrases or comments made by landlords, realtors or agents such as "perfect for empty nesters," or "near Catholic schools," may suggest that some people are not welcome or others are more desirable

**If any of these situations have happened to you, you may have experienced housing discrimination.**