

Don't wait to understand what the law says about fair housing. Find out if you are complying with the law. Make sure you are being treated equitably when you make your next housing transaction.



## When to File a Complaint:

If discrimination has occurred in the rental, sale, occupancy, or financing of housing; the act occurred in Broward County; and the alleged violation occurred within one (1) year.

## To file a Complaint, call or write:

Broward County  
Civil Rights Division  
Governmental Center Annex  
115 South Andrews Ave.  
Room A-680  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1883  
Phone: 954-357-7800  
TTY: 954-357-6181  
[www.broward.org/civilrights](http://www.broward.org/civilrights)

or

U.S. Department of Housing and  
Urban Development  
Phone: 800-669-9777  
[www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

This publication can be made available in large print, tape cassette, or Braille upon request by contacting the Civil Rights Division. If you require an accommodation to access services provided by the Civil Rights Division, please call our office at least 10 days in advance of your visit.

## The Broward County Civil Rights Division is here to serve you.

The Broward County Civil Rights Division is available to provide free training and presentations to interested groups and companies on fair housing, managing discrimination in the workplace, and other topics through its Speakers Bureau.

Our goal is to protect the citizens of Broward County and to prevent discrimination in our community. This community service program fosters greater understanding of the law which is important to obeying the law.

For more information about the Civil Rights Division's Speakers Bureau, or to request a presentation for your group, contact the Civil Rights Division at 954-357-7800.

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# Unlock the Door to Fair Housing



*The Broward County  
Civil Rights Division  
is the Key*



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# Help Keep Housing Fair in Broward County



The Broward County Human Rights Act and the Federal Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, protect you from housing discrimination.

The Broward County Civil Rights Division was created to protect persons from unlawful discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations.



## Protected Categories:

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial Status
- Disability
- Age
- Marital Status
- Political Affiliation
- Sexual Orientation
- Pregnancy
- Gender Identity/Expression

In Broward County, rights of individuals are protected against discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, age, marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, pregnancy, and gender identity/expression. You must not discriminate in the sale, rental, occupancy, or financing of real estate on the basis of any of these protected classes. If someone has taken your status as a member of a protected class into consideration when making a decision related to fair housing, the Broward County Civil Rights Division may investigate your complaint under the law.

## Examples of activities which are not acceptable under the law when the basis is a protected category:

- Refusing to rent or sell housing because the person is part of a protected class
- Telling someone housing is unavailable, when it is
- Showing apartments or homes only in certain neighborhoods
- Setting different terms, conditions, or privileges in the sale or rental of a dwelling
- Using advertising statements for housing with the intent to exclude
- Refusing to provide someone with information regarding mortgages, denying someone a mortgage loan, or imposing different terms or conditions on a mortgage
- Denying property insurance coverage
- Conducting property appraisals in a discriminatory manner
- Refusing to make reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities
- Failing to design or construct housing to achieve accessibility
- Threatening, coercing, intimidating, or interfering with anyone exercising or assisting someone in exercising their fair housing rights