

APRIL IS NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Since 1969, April has been designated as National Fair Housing Month. The month targets ending housing discrimination and raising awareness of fair housing rights. The Fair Housing Act was designed to protect Americans from discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing based on

- Color, race, national origin, religion, sex, disability, and family status.
- In Colorado, protected classes include: Ancestry, creed, marital status, sexual orientation, and source of income.

What Does This Mean For You?

When it comes to selling or renting a home or apartment unit, no one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, family status, ancestry, creed, marital status, sexual orientation, or source of income:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing
- Refuse to negotiate for housing
- Make housing unavailable
- Deny a dwell
- Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental of a dwell
- Provide different housing services or facilities
- Falsely deny that housing is available for inspection, sale, or rental
- 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) to the sale or rental of housing

In addition, it is illegal for anyone to:

- Threaten, coerce, intimidate or interfere with anyone exercising a fair housing right or assisting others who exercise that right
- Advertise or make any statement that indicates a limitation or preferences based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or handicap. This prohibition against discriminatory advertising applies to single-family and owner-occupied housing that is otherwise exempt from the Fair Housing Act.

Have a housing discrimination complaint? Call:

- Colorado Division of Civil Rights - Call 303-894-7855 or 1-800-886-7675
- HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity 303-672-5437 or 1-800-877-7353