



High Plains Fair Housing Center
Working with you to ensure equal
access to housing for all.

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*Strengthening Communities
and
Ensuring Equal Access to
Housing in the Region*

Remedies for Housing Discrimination

Victims of housing discrimination are entitled to seek justice for themselves and others by bringing the discrimination to the attention of relevant government agencies and asking that steps be taken to end it.

Individuals who experience housing discrimination may be able to get the housing they wanted but were denied. Victims also can seek reimbursement of expenses caused by having to find other housing and may be awarded money to compensate them for humiliation and emotional distress resulting from the discrimination.

Those found guilty of discrimination may be assessed penalties and made to change their way of doing business.

Testers

High Plains needs a diverse group of dependable, conscientious people to assist in gathering information about housing practices. Testers are provided training and a stipend for their time and expenses, depending on the task assigned. Contact High Plains for information.

Facts Sheets and FAQs

High Plains provides additional fair housing information and publications, available at www.highplainsfhc.org

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This information is not legal advice. For legal advice, please contact a lawyer.

It is illegal to discriminate in the sale or rental of housing based on race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, presence of children, disability, marital status, or public assistance.

Understand Your Rights

Fair Housing is a **right**—not just a privilege.

Fair Housing is required by law. Fair Housing means all persons have the right to obtain housing of their choice, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or whether they have children. Limiting or restricting access to housing based on any of these factors is against the law.

A FAIR HOUSING RESOURCE

HIGH PLAINS PROMOTES AWARENESS OF FAIR HOUSING REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDES INFORMATION ABOUT THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOTH HOME SEEKERS AND HOUSING PROVIDERS UNDER FEDERAL AND STATE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS.



High Plains Fair Housing Center is a private, non-profit fair housing organization that works to eliminate housing discrimination and to ensure equal housing opportunities for all. High Plains assists people who believe they have experienced discrimination while attempting to rent or purchase housing, provides community education to promote fair housing, and conducts preliminary investigations of potential housing discrimination.

We're here to help and answer your questions

SIGNS OF DISCRIMINATION

- Requiring additional rent or deposits from a tenant with a disability who needs an assistive animal.
- Steering minority homebuyers to neighborhoods where other minorities live or away from mostly white neighborhoods
- Restricting children from a complex or confining them to a certain floor
- Propositioning a tenant to engage in sexual activity in exchange for a waiver of rent or fees
- Ads that say "adults only" or "no Hispanics"
- Requiring some race, religions, or nationalities to pay for background checks, but not others
- Refusing to rent to a person using a wheelchair for fear a unit might be damaged
- Constructing a new multi-family building that is not accessible
- Pretending a home has already been sold or rented rather than negotiate with home seekers of a particular race, religion, or nationality
- Treating a tenant differently than other tenants on the basis of the above protected classes

FAIR HOUSING LAW

Discrimination in the sale, financing, or rental of housing based upon race, color, religion, national origin, gender, presence of children, disability, and, in North Dakota, based on age (40 and over), or status with respect to marriage and public assistance is illegal.

EDUCATION

High Plains provides fair housing education and outreach to housing industry groups and housing consumers. This work includes conducting presentations and trainings, producing and distributing fair housing fact sheets, and networking with agencies and organizations across the state and nation to promote fair housing in our region.

ENFORCEMENT

High Plains investigates situations where housing discrimination may have occurred. Persons who think they have encountered discrimination in the rental, sale, or financing of housing can call for direct assistance. High Plains will gather information and help victims of housing discrimination file a complaint with the appropriate government agency.



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Working to ensure a bias-free and open housing market throughout the region.
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