

Sioux Falls Fair Housing

Everyone has the right to be treated fairly in housing. If you believe you have been denied your housing rights, you may have experienced unlawful discrimination.

Housing discrimination occurs when sellers, landlords, mortgage lenders, insurers and others make illegal housing and lending decisions based on an individual's protected class status, which includes race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, and familial status (families or legal guardians living with children under the age of 18; pregnant women; people securing custody of children under 18).

If based on protected class status, under fair housing laws, it is a **VIOLATION OF THE LAW**, to:

- Refuse to rent or sell property
- Falsely inform prospective tenants and/or buyers that housing is not available when it is
- Only show certain properties to certain classes of people
- Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for the sale or rental of housing
- Provide different services or facilities to different individuals
- Refuse to provide information regarding mortgage loans, or impose different terms or conditions on a mortgage loan
- Deny property insurance or require different terms or refuse to provide available information about property insurance
- Conduct property appraisals in a discriminatory manner
- Fail to design and construct housing in an accessible manner
- Fail to allow reasonable modifications to a dwelling or common area if it may be necessary for full use of the dwelling
- Refuse to make necessary reasonable accommodations
- Harass, coerce, intimidate, or interfere with anyone exercising or assisting someone else with that individual's housing rights

If you believe you have been a victim of unlawful discrimination in housing, please contact the Sioux Falls Human Relations/Fair Housing Office by phone (605-367-8745); by email (humanrelations@siouxfalls.org); or by stopping at the Human Relations/Fair Housing Office (1st Floor City Hall, 224 W. 9th Street, Sioux Falls, SD).