

Housing Discrimination Complaint

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity



Please type or print this form - Don't write in the shaded area

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Instructions: Read this form and the instructions on reverse carefully before completing. All questions should be answered. However, if you do not know the answer or if a question is not applicable, leave the question unanswered and fill out as much of the form as you can. Your complaint should be signed and dated. Where more than one individual or organization is filing the same complaint, and all information is the same, each additional individual or organization should complete boxes 1 and 7 of a separate complaint form and attach it to the original form. Complaints may be (1) mailed to the Regional Office covering the State where the complaint arose (see list on back of form), to a Field Office, or to Fair Housing, HUD, Washington, D.C. 20410, or (2) filed or presented in person at HUD in Washington, D.C. or at any HUD Regional or Field Office.

Number	(check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> applicable box)	Jurisdiction	Signature of HUD Personnel who established jurisdiction.
Filing Date	<input type="checkbox"/> Referral and Agency (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Systemic <input type="checkbox"/> Military Referral	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Info	

1. Name of Aggrieved Person or Organization (last name, first name, middle initial) (Mr.Mrs.Miss,Ms.) Telephone No.: Home Telephone No.: Business

Street Address (city, county, state & zip code)

2. Against whom is this complaint being filed? Name (last name, first name, middle initial) Telephone Number

Street Address (city, county, state & zip code)

Check the applicable box or boxes which describe(s) the party named above.

Builder Owner Broker Salesperson Supt. or Manager Bank or Other Lender Other

If you named an individual above who appeared to be acting for a company in this case, check this box and write the name and address (street, city, county, state and zip code) of the company, in this space.

Name and Identify Others (if any) you believe violated the law in this case

3. What did the person you are complaining against do? (check all that apply)

Refuse to rent, sell, or deal with you Falsely deny housing was available Engage in blockbusting Discriminate in the conditions or terms of sale, rental occupancy, or in services or facilities Other (explain in block 6 below)

Advertise in a discriminatory way Discriminate in financing Discriminate in broker's services Intimidated, interfered, or coerced you to keep you from the full benefit of the Federal Fair Housing Law

When did the act or acts occur? (include the most recent date, if several dates are involved)

4. Do you believe that you were discriminated against because of your: (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Race or Color (see back of sheet) <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Handicap (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Physical <input type="checkbox"/> Mental	<input type="checkbox"/> Familial Status (Children under 18 in the family or pregnant female)	<input type="checkbox"/> National Origin <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)
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5. What kind of house or property was involved? Did the owner live there? Is the house or property: What is the address of the house or property? (street, city, county, state)

<input type="checkbox"/> Single family house <input type="checkbox"/> A house or building for 2, 3, or 4 families <input type="checkbox"/> A building for 5 families or more <input type="checkbox"/> Other, including vacant land held for residential use (explain in block 6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	(check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> applicable box) <input type="checkbox"/> Being sold? <input type="checkbox"/> Being rented?	
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6. Summarize in your own words what happened. Use this space for a brief and concise statement of the facts. Additional details may be submitted on an attachment.
Note: HUD will furnish a copy of the complaint to the person or organization against whom the complaint is made.

7. I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read this complaint (including any attachments) and that it is true and correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

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What Does the Federal Fair Housing Law Provide?

The Federal Fair Housing Law declares that it is national policy to provide fair housing throughout the United States and prohibits seven specific kinds of discriminatory acts regarding housing if the discrimination is based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin.

1. Refusal to sell or rent or otherwise deal with a person.
2. Discriminating in the conditions or terms of sale, rental, or occupancy.
3. Falsely denying housing is available.
4. Discriminatory advertising.
5. "Blockbusting" -causing person(s) to sell or rent by telling them that members of a minority group are moving into the area.
6. Discrimination in financing housing by a bank, savings and loan association, or other business.
7. Denial of membership or participation in brokerage, multiple listing, or other real estate services.
8. Interference (intimidation, threats, coercion, etc.) to keep a person from the full benefits of the Federal Fair Housing Law.

What does the Law Exempt?

The first three acts listed above do not apply

(1) to any single family house where the owner in certain circumstances does not seek to rent or sell it through the use of a broker or through discriminatory advertising, nor (2) to units in houses for two-to-four families if the owner lives in one of the units.

Note: Coercion, threats, or other interference with an individual's rights under the law, including the right to file a complaint, are also prohibited.

What Can You Do About Violations of the Law?

Remember, the Federal Fair Housing Law applies to discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin. If you believe you have been or are about to be, discriminated against or otherwise harmed by the kinds of discriminatory acts which are prohibited by law, you have a right, within 1 year after the discrimination occurred to:

1. **Complain to the Secretary** by filing this form by mail or in person. HUD will investigate. If it finds the complaint is covered by the law and is justified, it will try to end the discrimination by conciliation. If conciliation fails, other steps will be taken to enforce the law. In cases where State or local laws give the same rights as the Federal Fair Housing Law, HUD must first ask the State or local agency to try to resolve the problem.
2. **Go directly to Court** even if you have not filed a complaint with the Secretary. The Court may sometimes be able to give quicker, more effective, relief than conciliation can provide and may also, in certain cases, appoint an attorney for you (without cost).

You Should Also Report All Information about violations of the Federal Fair Housing Law to HUD even though you don't intend to complain or go to court yourself.

Additional Details

If you wish to explain in detail in an attachment what happened, you should consider the following:

1. If you feel that others were treated differently from you, please explain the facts and circumstances.
2. If there were witnesses or others who know what happened, give their names, addresses, and telephone numbers.
3. If you have made this complaint to other government agencies or to the courts, state when and where and explain what happened.

Racial/Ethnic Categories

1. **White (Non Hispanic)** - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.
2. **Black (Non Hispanic)** - A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
3. **American Indian or Alaskan Native** - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintains, cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.
4. **Hispanic** - A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish Culture or origin, regardless of race.
5. **Asian or Pacific Islander** - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.

You can obtain assistance (a) in learning about the Federal Fair Housing Law, or (b) in filing a complaint at the HUD Regional Offices listed below:

Region I - Boston (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)
HUD - Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)
Boston Federal Office Building, 10 Causeway Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02222-1092

Region II - New York (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)
HUD-Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)
26 Federal Plaza
New York, New York 10278-0068

Region III - Philadelphia (Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia)
HUD - Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)
Liberty Square Building, 105 S. 7th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-3392

Region IV - Atlanta (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)
HUD- Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) /
Richard B. Russell Federal Building, 75 Spring Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3388

Region V - Chicago (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin)
HUD - Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)
626 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60606-5760

Region VI - Fort Worth (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas)
HUD - Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)
1600 Throckmorton, P.O. Box 2905
Fort Worth, Texas 76113-2905

Region VII - Kansas City (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska)
HUD - Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)
Professional Building, 1103 Grand Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2496

Region VIII - Denver (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming)
HUD - Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)
Executive Tower Building, 1405 Curtis Street
Denver, Colorado 80202-2349

Region IX - San Francisco (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Guam, American Samoa)
HUD - Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)
450 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102-3448

Region X - Seattle (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington)
HUD - Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)
Arcade Plaza Building, 1321 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98101-2054

Privacy Act of 1974 (PL 93-579)

HUD-903 Housing Discrimination Complaint Form

Authority: The Federal Fair Housing Law.

Purpose: The information requested on this form is to be used to investigate and to process housing discrimination complaints.

Use: The information may be disclosed to the United States Department of Justice for its use in the filing of pattern or practice suits of housing discrimination or the prosecution of the person who committed the discrimination where violence is involved; and to state or local fair housing agencies which administer substantially equivalent fair housing laws for complaint processing.

Penalty: Failure to provide some or all of the requested information will result in delay or denial of HUD assistance.

Disclosure of this information is voluntary.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Reports Management Officer, Office of Information Policies and Systems, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C. 20410-3600 and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (2529-0011), Washington, D.C. 20503.