**FAMILIAL STATUS**

Unless a building or community qualifies as housing for older persons, it may not discriminate based on familial status. That is, it may not discriminate against families in which one or more children under 18 live with:

- A parent
- A person who has legal custody of a child or children
- The designee of the parent or legal custodian, with the parent or custodian’s written permission.

Familial status protection also applies to pregnant women and anyone securing legal custody of a child under 18.

**THE FAIR HOUSING ACT**

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:

- Race or color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians; pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18)
- Handicap (Disability)
- Military Status

**SALE AND RENTAL OF HOUSING**

The following is prohibited:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing
- Refuse to negotiate for housing
- Make housing unavailable
- Deny a dwelling
- Set different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- 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
- Deny anyone access to or membership in a facility or service related to the sale or rental of housing.

**MORTGAGE LENDING**

The following is prohibited:

- Refuse to make a mortgage loan
- Fail to provide information regarding loans
- Impose different terms or conditions on a loan, such as different interest rates, points, or fees
- Discriminate in appraising property
- Refuse to purchase a loan
- Set different terms or conditions for purchasing a loan

**IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY**

Your landlord may not:

- Refuse to let you make reasonable modifications to your dwelling or common use areas, at your expense, if necessary for the disabled person to use the housing. (Where reasonable, the landlord may permit changes only if you agree to restore the property to its original condition when you move.)

- Refuse to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices or services if necessary for the disabled person to use the housing.

*However, housing need not be made available to a person who is a direct threat to the health or safety of others or who currently uses illegal drugs.*

**BE SUSPICIOUS WHEN YOU HEAR LINES LIKE THESE:**

When you are renting ...

"I rented that apartment right after you called."

"This building is for adults only."

When you are buying ...

"The owner just took the house off the market."

"Do you think you can afford this neighborhood?"

"We just can't seem to make an appointment to show you that house."

When you are seeking financing ...

"We have a minimum mortgage amount; we don't make loans under $30,000."

"There's a problem with the appraisal."

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.

OR

Advertise or make any statement that indicates a limitation or preference based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or handicap (disability).
If your fair housing rights have been violated, write or call any of the following agencies:

**Maumee Valley Fair Housing Office**
1300 E. Second Street, Suite 200
Defiance, Ohio 43512
419-784-3882

**Ohio Civil Rights Commission**
Toledo Regional Office
One Government Center, Suite 936
Jackson and Erie Streets
Toledo, Ohio 43604
(419) 245-2900

**Fair Housing Enforcement Center**
U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development
Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building
77 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 2101
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507
312-353-7776
1-800-765-9372
TTY 312-353-7143

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