

## IT'S THE LAW

Under the **Pennsylvania Human Relations Act (PHRA)**, it is illegal to discriminate in the sale, rental, finance, or otherwise deny or withhold any housing accommodation or commercial property from any person based on:

- Ancestry
- Color
- Race
- Sex
- Familial status
- National origin
- Religious creed
- Age (40 +)
- Disability
- Use, handling, or training of a guide or support animal
- Retaliation



## IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

file a complaint with the PHRC

**717-787-4410**

Complaints must be filed within **180 days** of the act of discrimination.

## Contact the Regional Office Closest to You:

### Harrisburg

**555 Walnut Street, Suite 808**

**Harrisburg, PA 17101**

**717-787-9780 717-787-7279**

**(TTY)**

### Philadelphia

**110 N. 8th St. Suite 501**

**Philadelphia, PA 19107**

**215-560-2496**

**215-560-3599 (TTY)**

### Pittsburgh

**301 5th Ave. Suite 390 Piatt Place,**

**Pittsburgh, PA 15222**

**412-565-5395 412-565-5711 (TTY)**



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# FAIR HOUSING

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# **RIGHT**

## ACCESSIBLE HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

- Housing providers and other responsible parties are required to make reasonable accommodations in policies and/or practices that allow a person with a disability an equal opportunity to use their housing, such as requesting reserved parking.
- Tenants with disabilities can also request reasonable modifications of the structure of the existing premises to enjoy their housing, such as requesting grab bars in the bathroom

## BEWARE

- Steering prevents community members from having their full range of housing options.
- Advertisements, phrases or comments made by landlords, realtors or agents such as “perfect for empty nesters,” or “near Catholic schools,” may suggest that some people are not welcome or others are more desirable.

## WHAT DOES UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING LOOK LIKE?

- Being told a home is rented when it is still available because the housing provider doesn't want to rent to someone of the applicant's race.
- Being given different terms and conditions for sale or rental of a property due to a person having a disability.
- Being charged a fee for service or support animals.
- Refusal of housing because of a household's national origin.
- Your family being refused rental housing because of children under the age of 18.
- Denial of a request for closer parking that is necessary due to a disability
- Denial of maintenance requests because of age.
- Being evicted due to your sexuality
- Not being provided the same services as other tenants in retaliation for filing a discrimination complaint.
- Denial of a loan request because of an applicant's sex.

**If any of these situations have happened to you, you may have experienced housing discrimination.**



## Trainings & Resources

The [Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission \(PHRC\)](#) offers housing providers and community members free trainings to help them understand their fair housing rights and responsibilities.

To learn more, go to PHRC's website: [www.pa.gov/PHRC](http://www.pa.gov/PHRC), or email PHRC at [phrc@pa.gov](mailto:phrc@pa.gov).

