



“FAIR HOUSING, IT’S NOT AN OPTION, IT’S THE LAW”

FILING A COMPLAINT WITH HUD

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of: race or color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and handicap (disability). If you believe your rights have been violated, you can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or a state or local fair housing office. You have one year from the date of the event to file your complaint.

Where to Write or Call: You can write or call your nearest Fair Housing Office to request a complaint form or file a complaint.

☎ **Call:** (800) 669-9777 (Toll-Free)

☎ (800) 972-9275 (TTY)

You can file a complaint by phone or in writing. You will need to give the following information to HUD either by phone or in writing:

- ☎ your name and address;
- ☎ the name and address of the person your complaint is against;
- ☎ the address of the house or apartment where you feel you were discriminated against;
- ☎ the date when the incident occurred; and
- ☎ a short description of what happened.

☎ **In Writing:** You can send a letter to HUD with the information listed above to:

Philadelphia Regional Office of FHEO
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
The Wanamaker Building
100 Penn Square East, 12th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107-3380
(215) 656-0063, ext. 3241
(888) 799-2085 (Toll-Free)

(215) 656-3450 (TTY)
(215) 656-3419 (Fax)

☎ **Complaint Form:** For general information visit: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/index.cfm>. For a complaint form, go to: <http://www.hud.gov/complaints/housediscrim.cfm> and print out a form. Send the completed form to:

Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Room 5204
451 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20410-2000

☎ **Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy:** For more information, a copy of the Complaint Form, or for assistance in completing the form, call VOPA at:
(800) 552-3962 (Toll-Free)

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You can file a complaint by phone, mail, e-mail, or fax. You must use the Virginia Fair Housing Office’s Complaint Form in order to file a complaint by mail, e-mail, or fax.

- Ⓢ **Call:** (888) 551-3247 (Toll-Free), (804) 367-8530, or (804) 367-9753 (TDD)
- Ⓢ **Complaint Form:** Go to <http://www.fairhousing.vipnet.org/> and print out a form.
- Ⓢ **E-Mail:** Send the completed form to fairhousing@dpor.virginia.gov.
- Ⓢ **In Writing:** Send the completed form to:

Virginia Fair Housing Office
3600 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Room 554
Richmond, VA 23230

Fairfax County Residents (only) can send their completed form to:

Fairfax County Human Rights Commission
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 318
Fairfax, VA 22035-0093

- Ⓢ **Fax:** Send the completed form to (804) 367-0047
- Ⓢ **Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy:** For more information, a copy of the Complaint Form, or for assistance in completing the form, call VOPA:
(800) 552-3962 (Toll-Free)

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