

## Does this sound familiar?

**“That unit is no longer available.”**

**“We can’t rent to handicapped people.”**

**“If you go out with me, I will not evict you.”**

**“You might get a better deal at another bank. Go there first before you apply here.”**

**“Let me show you a neighborhood where you may feel more comfortable.”**

**“This is an adult community – children are not allowed.”**

*Although some of the above statements may sound common, BE ALERT - they may be excuses to keep you from renting or buying the home of your choice and it may be a violation of the law.*

**Feel free to contact our office with questions:**



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## Fair Housing is Your Right... Use It



## What is fair housing?

Fair housing is the federally and locally enforceable right to live where you want to live without discrimination. Fair housing is not an option, **IT'S THE LAW!**

## Have you experienced housing discrimination?

Housing discrimination is usually not open or obvious... it is often done with a handshake and a smile. It is against the law to treat people differently or to deny a family the opportunity to live where they want to live because of their

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Sex/Gender
- National Origin
- Disability, or
- Familial Status (*being pregnant or having a child living with you who is under the age of 18*).

**If you suspect housing discrimination, report it! Don't ignore it!**

## Discriminatory practices include, but are not limited to:

- Refusing to rent, lease, or sell housing
- Setting different terms, conditions or privileges for the sale or rental of housing
- Falsely stating that housing is unavailable to occupy, view or inspect
- Discriminatory advertising



- Discriminatory financing
- Steering
- Refusing to make reasonable accommodations or reasonable modifications for persons with disabilities
- Failing to design and construct multi-family housing with accessible features for persons with disabilities

## City of Durham Human Relations Division

The City of Durham Human Relations Division is dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination and furthering equal housing opportunities through education, outreach, advocacy, and enforcement of fair housing laws. As an enforcement agency, the City:

- Investigates and conciliates housing discrimination complaints filed with our office.
- Requires alleged violators of the law to be interviewed, submit answers to interrogatories, and provide documents supporting their defense to the alleged discrimination
- Requests a judge or a hearings board to award punitive and/or actual damages that vindicate violations of the law
- Approves settlement agreements to reduce the effects of discrimination practices and monitors compliance with such agreements.

The City of Durham Human Relations Division is the local fair housing agency where you can file a complaint.