

Please note that some exemptions from fair housing laws exist for smaller housing providers and in some specific housing situations (housing established for older persons, religious or private groups and/or those with disabilities).

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### Education and Enforcement

The FHCCI provides education and outreach services to industry representatives and consumers of the housing industry. These activities include the facilitation of workshops and trainings, newsletters and publications, and networking with agencies and organizations across the state and nation. The FHCCI also investigates allegations of housing discrimination to help possible victims understand their rights.

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### Volunteers

The FHCCI needs a diverse group of dependable, conscientious people 18 years and older to assist in gathering information about housing practices.

Volunteers are provided training and a stipend for their time and expenses depending on the task assigned. Contact the FHCCI for additional information.



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### Publications & Newsletter

The FHCCI has a newsletter and a number of publications which are available free-of-charge. Visit our web site for more information.

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### Get Help

If you believe you may be a victim of housing discrimination or have questions about fair housing laws, contact us at:

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# Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana



*Serving Central Indiana*



# Discrimination & Fair Housing Rights



## We're Here to Help

The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) is a private, non-profit fair housing organization founded in 2011. Its mission is to ensure equal housing opportunities by eliminating housing discrimination through advocacy, enforcement, education and outreach.

Fair Housing Specialists are available to counsel both home seekers and housing providers on their rights and responsibilities under fair housing laws.

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*Fair housing is a right—not a privilege. Fair housing is the law—not just an idea. Each of us is a member of several protected classes. Fair housing laws apply to and protect all of us!*

The FHCCI provides education to promote fair housing and investigates allegations of housing discrimination. Our goals are to eradicate housing discrimination through community education, encouragement of public involvement, assistance to those experiencing housing discrimination, and support of individuals and organizations seeking equal opportunity in housing.

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## Fair Housing Laws

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Housing discrimination in the sale, financing or rental of housing and/or housing related services is unlawful if based upon:

- Race (any race)
- Color (any color)
- Religion
- National Origin (any nationality)
- Gender (sex - includes gender identity)
- Familial Status (presence of children under 18 in the family or women who are pregnant or adults attempting to secure custody of children)
- Disability (handicap)
- Ancestry (Indiana state law only)
- Age, Sexual Orientation, Military Service Veteran Status (Indianapolis/ Marion County ordinance only)

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## What are the Possible Signs?

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- Charging additional rent or deposits because someone needs an animal to assist them with their disability.
- Advertisements, signs or flyers which state “no children,” “no minorities,” or “Hispanics Need Not Apply.”
- Limiting the number of children in a complex or confining them to a specific location or floor.
- Being propositioned for sex in exchange for rent or deposits and/or inappropriate comments.
- Requiring Muslims to pay for criminal background checks but not requiring of other religions, races or nationalities.
- Refusing to rent to a person using a wheelchair for fear a unit might be damaged.
- Steering minority homeowners to sections of the city where other minorities live or telling white home seekers to stay out of some areas.
- Tenancy rules are enforced for some residents but not others.
- Lack of accessibility in a newly constructed multi-family building.

