

HELPFUL HINTS

What You Should Write Down
When Looking for an Apartment or House

- The name of the manager or agent
- The address of the building
- The apartment number
- The number of bedrooms
- Personal information requested of you
- Any information that you volunteered
- The requirements for occupancy
- When the unit will become available
- How you found out about the apartment or house
- Amount of rent and deposit

This information may be useful during an investigation of housing discrimination

**FAIR HOUSING IS NOT AN OPTION,
IT'S THE LAW**

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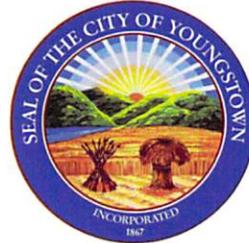
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Signs of possible Housing Discrimination

- The owner or manager refuses to tell you why the unit is not available
- The rent or deposit is higher than advertised
- The manager says the unit is rented, but the "For Rent" sign is still posted
- The manager tells you, "You won't like it here, there's no place for your kids to play."
- The manager says there are occupancy limits that seem strange, such as three people in a two-bedroom unit
- The manager asks about your marital status, race, the nature of your disability, or your national origin
- Your application is refused without explanation



Fair Housing is for EVERYONE

Where you live affects every part of your life. It will determine where you sleep, where you work, and where your children will go to school. If you are prevented from living in the neighborhood you choose because of discrimination, report it. Illegal practices hurt everyone. The Human Relations Commission can help you through the following **FREE** services.

- Community awareness programs
- Fair Housing presentations, workshops, and seminars
- Investigations of housing and discrimination claims
- Assistance to victims of housing discrimination
- Educational materials that inform both tenants and landlords of their rights and responsibilities under federal, state, and city Fair Housing laws
- Conciliation and mediation sessions

Are you being discriminated against?

- Refusing to sell or rent housing
- "Steering" of tenants by landlords to or from certain areas of a housing complex
- Falsely denying that housing is available
- Discrimination in the terms/conditions of housing (rent, security deposits, use of facilities, etc.)
- Discriminatory advertising
- Use of threats, intimidation, or coercion

For more information, contact us at the information listed below to find out how we can help.

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