



**What You Should Write Down
When Looking for an Apartment...**

- The name of the manager or agent
- The address of the building
- The apartment number
- The number of bedrooms
- Personal Information requested of you
- 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.

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**Freedom of Choice to Live
Anywhere You Can Afford...**



**Fair Housing is not an
option, it's the LAW!**



**Turn over this brochure for
our contact information!**

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 you 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 City of Canton's Fair Housing Division 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



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

Are you being discriminated against?

Housing discrimination can be very hard to detect. Often, individuals may suspect they have been discriminated against, but are not sure they can prove it. Our investigations can often uncover discrimination the average person cannot detect. You have a right to file a complaint if you feel you have been discriminated against.

The law prohibits housing discrimination based upon race, color, religion, national origin, gender, ancestry, disability, military status, or familial status. This could include any of the following:

- 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



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