

# NOTIFICATION OF FAIR HOUSING ACT

**The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:**

- Race or color
- National origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under 18)
- Handicap
- Military status
- Ancestry

**In the sale and rental of housing, no one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, handicap, military status, or ancestry:**

- Refuse to rent, sell, or insure housing accommodations or residential property
- Refuse to lend money for the purchase, construction, repair, rehabilitation, or maintenance of housing accommodations or residential property
- Make housing available
- Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Print, publish, or circulate any statement or advertisement which would indicate a preference or limitation
- Represent to any person that housing is not available for inspection, sale, rental, or lease
- For profit, persuade owners to sell or rent (blockbusting)
- Deny any person membership in any multiple listing service or real estate broker's organization

**What to do if you suspect housing discrimination?**

- Make immediate detailed notes of your experience: date, time, place, names of agents or landlords, what you saw and what you were told.
- Contact your local fair housing coordinator for assistance.  
**In Van Wert County, call or write:**  
Christina Martin, Program Manager, Fair Housing  
Program, Van Wert Area Economic Development Corp.  
140 East Main Street  
Van Wert, Ohio 45891 Telephone (419) 238-2999
- Or, call the nearest Regional Office of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission in Dayton at (888)278-7101. An investigator will speak with you and schedule an appointment to discuss your complaint and help you file a charge.
- Or, call or write directly to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): Chicago Regional Office – Region V, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 2101, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507 Telephone: (312)353-7776
- Or, call the Fair Housing Complaints "Hotline" at 1-800-669-9777. Hearing impaired persons may call 1-800-927-9275 (TDD)



Although you may not want to submit a complaint, you should report any information about violations of the Federal Fair Housing Law to HUD. If you want to file a complaint, you must do so within one (1) year of the violation.

