



The City of Lansing embraces the **Fair Housing Act of 1968**, and is committed to the policy of affirmatively furthering fair housing within its jurisdiction.

Who is Protected?

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial Status (families with children)
- Disability

What Actions are Prohibited?

The following actions are prohibited if they affect one or more of the protected classes listed above:

- Refusal to rent or sell or negotiate for housing
- Making housing unavailable
- Denial of a dwelling
- Setting different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Providing different housing services or facilities
- Falsely denying that housing is available for inspection, sale or rental
- Denial of access to or membership in a facility or refusal of service related to the sale or rental of housing
- Steering prospective tenants to a certain neighborhood, development or unit
- Refusal to make a mortgage loan or provide information regarding loans
- Imposing different terms or conditions on a loan
- Discrimination in appraising property
- Refusal to purchase a loan
- Setting different terms or conditions for purchasing a loan

Housing discrimination is usually disguised. For more information on clues to discrimination follow this link:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/CR_250_fair_housing_76949_7.pdf

To understand more about how the fair housing law works:

http://www.fairhousinglaw.org/fair_housing_laws/

To understand more about discrimination and Michigan's Fair Housing act of 1968 follow this link:

http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17451_18670_18793-53806--,00.html

Where to File a Fair Housing Complaint

City of Lansing, Human Relations and Community Services Department

4th Floor - City Hall
124 W. Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI. 48933
517-483-4477 - voice; 517-483-4479 - TDD

Michigan Department of Civil Rights

Capital Tower Building
110 W. Michigan Avenue
Suite 800
Lansing, MI. 48933
517-241-0013

<http://www.michigan.gov/mdcr/1,1607,7-138-4953-6202--,00.html>

Follow these links for information on how to file a housing discrimination complaint with U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development or to file a discrimination complaint with the Department of Justice:

<http://www.hud.gov/complaints/housediscrim.cfm>

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/housing/file.htm>

The HUD Fair Housing Hub serving Michigan is:

Chicago Regional Office of FHEO

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building
77 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 2101
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507
(312) 353-7776 ext. 2453
1-800-765-9372
TTY (312) 353-7143

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/>

You may also contact the Fair Housing Center (a private nonprofit agency) for assistance:

Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit

1249 Washington Blvd

Suite 1312
Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 963-1274
(313) 963-4817 fax

More information on the legal framework of Fair Housing and antidiscrimination laws

For federal laws follow this link:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/FHLaws/>

For Michigan laws follow these links:

http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17451_18670_18793-53812--,00.html

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mshda_fair_housing_147901_7.doc

For the City of Lansing's Fair Housing ordinance follow this link and type "fair housing" in the search box:

<http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?sid=22&pid=13231>

Additional Resources for Housing Concerns:

MSU Law Clinic/ Rental Housing

541 E. Grand River Avenue
East Lansing, MI. 48823
517-336-8088

Capital Area Center for Independent Living

1048 Pierpont, Suite 9-10
Lansing, MI 48911
517-241-0408

Legal Services of South Central Michigan

3490 Belle Chase Way, Suite 50
Lansing, MI. 48911
517-394-3121

60+ Elder Law Clinic

300 S. Capitol Avenue
Lansing, MI. 48933
517-334-5760

Fair Housing Center of West Michigan

20 Hall Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI. 49507
1-866-389-FAIR
www.fhcwm.org

