

About SWFHC

The Southwest Fair Housing Council is a non-profit agency funded by HUD, the Arizona Department of Housing, and individuals like you.

SWFHC provides a variety of education and enforcement services including:

- Investigate housing discrimination complaints.
- Prepare complaints to be filed with the Department of Housing and Urban Development or the Attorney General's Office.
- Provide fair housing trainings to community members and housing industry professionals.
- Provide information and referrals for persons and families with housing needs

Fair Housing: What Is It?

April 11, 1968 the Fair Housing Act (FHA) was signed into law, making it illegal to discriminate in ANY aspect of housing because of an individual's race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status (has minors living in his/her home), and/or disability. The FHA defines these as its seven protected classes.

The state of Arizona passed its own Fair Housing Act in 1990 which has the same seven protected classes as the federal FHA: race, color, national origin, sex, religion, familial status, and disability.

In Tucson, not only is it illegal to discriminate against these original seven protected classes, but it is also illegal to discriminate against people because of their age, ancestry, gender identity, sexual orientation and marital status.

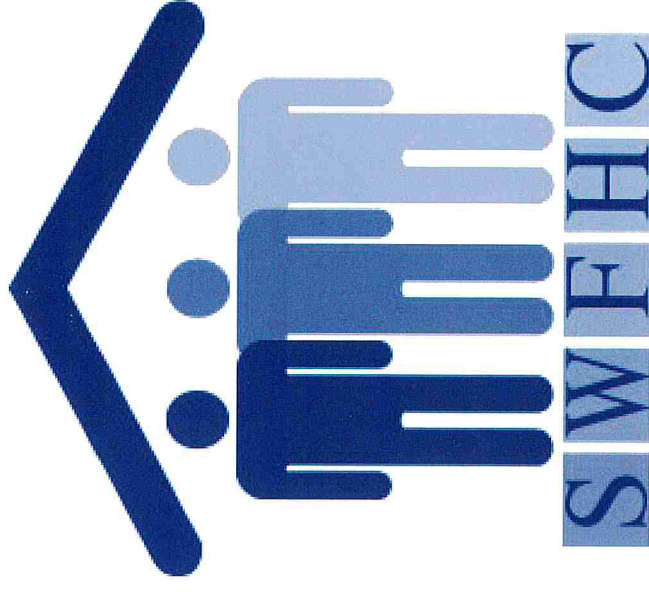
In Phoenix, Sedona, and Tempe it is illegal to discriminate against individuals because of their sexual orientation.

The FHA applies to all aspects of housing including: rental/leasing/sales; mortgages and lending; appraisals; advertising; design and construction; and zoning.

If You Think You Have Been Discriminated Against

1. Record the experiences. Write down the names of individuals, companies, addresses, phone numbers, dates, times, and witnesses.
2. Make notes of conversations or incidents that might indicate discrimination.
3. Keep copies of advertising, letters, or other relevant information.
4. If you know a person of the opposite sex, or a different race or culture who received a different answer than you, make note of their name and address.
5. **Contact the Southwest Fair Housing Council.**

Southwest Fair Housing Council



Fair housing: It's the law!

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IF you feel like you have been a victim of illegal housing discrimination and you want to file a complaint, contact SWFHC at:

1777 N. Church Ave. #1104
Tucson, AZ 85701
(520) 798-1568

323 W Roosevelt St, Suite 100B
Phoenix, AZ 85003
(602) 252-3423

Toll-free: (888) 624-4611
TTY: (520) 670-0233

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You can also file a complaint with the following:

US Department of Housing and Urban
Development Office of Fair Housing and
Equal Opportunity
(800) 347-3739

Arizona Attorney General's
Office Tucson: (520) 628-6500
Phoenix: (602) 542-5263

City of Phoenix
Equal Opportunity
Department Compliance and
Enforcement (602) 262-7486

What does Illegal Housing Discrimination Look

Like?

- Refusing to sell, rent, or show available housing.
- Only showing housing in areas where other minorities live.
- Harassment or intimidation.
- Housing advertisements with discriminatory statements or displaying no minorities in group scenes.
- Differing terms for identical dwellings.
- Extensive questioning prior to offering or providing information about the availability of housing.
- Being told the dwelling is not appropriate for your family.
- Terms of availability change between phone contact and your visit.
- You are not contacted after the acceptance of your application.
- House or apartment has an "available" sign but you are told it is not available.
- Refusing to make reasonable accommodation or allow a modification to make the dwelling accessible for a person with a disability.
- Refusing to finance the purchase of a home or to write property insurance, or offering non-standard and unfavorable terms.

Become a Partner of

SWFHC

The Southwest Fair Housing Council is pleased to work with communities to offer fair housing trainings **STATEWIDE** for Arizona communities, housing industry professionals, social service agencies, government entities, non-profits and anyone interested.

We also offer continuing education credits, CE's for housing industry professionals. Our ADRE certified instructors provide these classes throughout the state. We need a minimum of three weeks in order to set up a CE class. Contact us using the details below for more information on how to schedule a training.

We recommend that housing professionals get trained annually on Fair Housing laws.

To schedule a training:

Email: training@swfhc.com

Toll free number: 888-624-4611

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