

Common Forms of Discrimination:

Refusing to rent, sell, or give a loan to any qualified person because they have a disability

Denying a person with a disability a reasonable modification or a reasonable accommodation

Denying that housing is available for rent or for sale when it really is available

Steering individuals with a disability towards a particular section of a building or away from one

Requiring a person with a disability to purchase additional insurance to secure a loan

Examples of discrimination:

“We cannot accept pets. Your service or support animal will not be allowed here.”

“All of our accessible units are rented. Maybe you should apply somewhere else.”

“You can’t use your motorized chair in the hall because it will cause damage.”

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This brochure is an abridged list of the terms and conditions set forth by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Fair Housing Guide.

For the complete list visit:
www.hud.gov/fairhousing.

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Fair Housing Rights for Persons With Disabilities



Don't let discrimination come between YOU and where you want to live!

Definition of Disability

Federal law defines a person with a disability as “any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities include: walking, talking, hearing, seeing, breathing, learning, performing, manual tasks, and caring for oneself.

Examples of a Disability:

- Visual or Hearing Impairment
- Mobility Impairment
- Mental Illness
- Emotional Illness
- Intellectual Disability
- Alcoholism & Past Substance Abuse
- Chronic Disease such as HIV, Cancer, Multiple Sclerosis, Autism, Asthma, etc.

Do you need a Reasonable Accommodation or Modification? Read more:

A reasonable accommodation is a change in a rule, policy or procedure to allow an individual with a disability to have equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling unit or common space. Two examples of a reasonable accommodation are:

Reserving a parking space at the entrance of a unit for a tenant with a mobility impairment

Allowing a person with a disability to have a service or support animal even though there is a “no pets” policy

A reasonable modification is a physical change to a unit or common area that allows a person with a disability the full enjoyment of the housing and related facilities. Two examples of a reasonable accommodation are:

Installing grab bars in a bathroom

Lowering kitchen cabinets so they are accessible to a person in a wheelchair

What to do if you experience discrimination:

If you feel that you have been discriminated against while searching for or residing in housing, taking the following steps can be helpful:

Keep a record of names, dates, addresses, phone numbers and other important information which can assist in the investigation of your complaint.

Record (write down) a detailed description specific as possible about the incident.

Record the names and addresses of any witnesses to the incident, if possible.

Call the Fairfield County Regional Planning Office at 740-652-7110

