Examples of Discrimination

Policies that state: “no children”

Segregating housing so that families with children are only allowed in certain sections

Regulations prohibiting parents and children, or male and female children from sharing a bedroom.

Requiring an additional security deposit or charging extra fees

Limiting the number of children, unless there is a clear violation of an applicable occupancy code or standard

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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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