

## What Can I Do About Housing Discrimination?

Learn to recognize the signs of discrimination

Report housing discrimination by filing a complaint

Volunteer as a fair housing tester



Silver State Fair Housing Council needs volunteers from the *entire* community to play the role of homeseekers and provide objective reporting of their experiences.

Attend one training and become a volunteer housing discrimination tester.

Contact SSFHC for the next tester training:

**Southern Nevada: 702.749.3288**

**Northern Nevada: 775.324.0990**

**Toll-Free: 888.585.8634**

**Relay Nevada 711**

Silver State Fair Housing Council (SSFHC) is a non-profit agency advocating for equal access to housing in Nevada since 1989. It is illegal to discriminate in housing and housing-related transactions because of someone's race, color, religion, national origin (ancestry), sex (gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression), familial status, and/or disability.

SSFHC has office locations in Reno and Las Vegas to better address inquiries of housing discrimination for consumers and housing providers. SSFHC provides services in rural communities through personal interactions, technologies, and community partnerships.

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FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL

*Advocating for equal housing opportunity throughout Nevada*

## **FAIR HOUSING:**

*Opening Doors to  
Equal Opportunity in  
Every Community*

# Fair Housing is the Law

Under the federal Fair Housing Act, it is illegal to discriminate in housing and housing-related transactions because of:

- **Race**
- **Color**
- **Religion**
- **National Origin**
- **Sex**
- **Family Status**
- **Disability**



EQUAL HOUSING  
OPPORTUNITY

Nevada State Law also includes:

- **Ancestry**
- **Sexual Orientation**
- **Gender Identity or Expression**

Fair housing laws provide legal and administrative remedies for people who experience housing discrimination. In order to achieve equal housing opportunity, housing discrimination must be reported. SSFHC provides a variety of programs and services designed to assist community members in pursuing remedies to housing discrimination.



## Housing-related activities covered by fair housing laws include:

**Rental | Sales | Lending**  
**Appraisals | Advertising | Zoning**  
**Homeowners insurance**  
**Intimidation | Threats | Interference**

## Properties covered by fair housing law include:

**Apartments | Single-family homes**  
**Group homes | Mobile home parks**  
**Cooperatives | Residence hotels**  
**Nursing homes | Homeless shelters**  
**Condominiums | College dormitories**  
**Homeowner Associations**  
**Retirement communities**

## Discriminatory housing practices include:

Refusing to sell, rent or negotiate for housing; misrepresenting availability; imposing different terms, conditions, or privileges; refusing to make reasonable accommodations or modifications for people with disabilities; advertising a preference, limitation or discrimination; steering to a specific neighborhood or section of a housing complex because of membership in a protected class.

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SSFHC recognizes its responsibility to provide fair housing resources for the entire community. For housing providers, SSFHC conducts regular educational opportunities in English and Spanish, including accredited property management and real estate trainings.

Housing consumers who believe their fair housing rights have been violated receive assistance in filing housing discrimination complaints, and referrals to appropriate resources. SSFHC works closely with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Nevada Equal Rights Commission to effectively refer bona fide complaints of housing discrimination.

SSFHC strives to break down barriers to equal housing opportunity and build opportunities for community members to relate to each other as neighbors by addressing the needs of housing consumers, housing providers, and local governments.

