

Know Your Rights

Fair Housing Facts

STEERING

You have the right to choose where to live. Any real estate sales person, broker, or leasing agent who discourages you from seeing or being interested in certain properties, or certain areas of town could be considered steering. For example: If a property agent indicates, "This isn't your kind of neighborhood"... "You wouldn't feel comfortable living here"... "None of your kind of people live here"... "This complex does not permit children"... the agent is violating laws that prohibit steering.

Race

It's

RENTAL DISCRIMINATION

The terms of rental agreements must apply to all renters. The law prohibits the changing of such terms to deny or discourage your access to rental properties. For example: If you feel that your lease agreement is different than other persons on a similar situation the property agent or owner may be violating Fair Housing Laws. The following types of situations may also be in violation of the law: 1) Raising the price of the property you are interested in for the purpose of keeping you out; 2) Requiring a higher down payment or security deposit from you but not from others on an equal basis.

Color

The

Religion

Law

Sex

***Families
with***

Disability

FALSE DENIALS OF AVAILABILITY

Federal, state, and local laws prohibit real estate sales persons, brokers and property agents from telling you the property you are interested in is unavailable...when it is in fact available for rent or purchase.

Children

National

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Origin

ADVERTISING DISCRIMINATION

Ads or commercials for houses or apartments cannot, by law, show any preferences for renters or buyers based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry or families with children.

which are

Ancestry

designated

***"elderly"
only)***

COMPLAINTS CAN BE FILED WITH:

Local "Human Relations", "Human Resources" or "Civil Rights" board or staff. Check with City Hall. Statewide in Kansas, contact

The Kansas Human Rights Commission

1-888-793-6874

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

1-800-743-5323

***Help "Stop"
Discrimination***