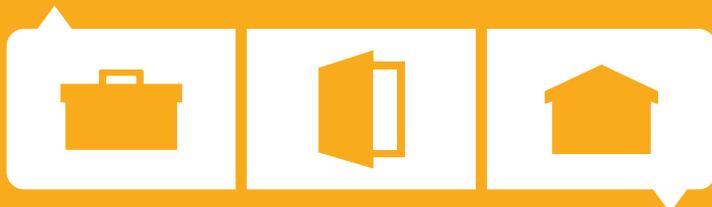


About the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations

Anyone who lives, works, or visits Pittsburgh has a legal right to opportunity and access to housing, employment, and public accommodations. The Commission on Human Relations (PghCHR) investigates instances of discrimination and seeks resolutions for anyone who has experienced harm because of discrimination. We are more than just an agency that enforces laws. We work with communities, and public and private organizations, to proactively educate people about equal rights and opportunities.

The PghCHR has the power to enforce punitive legal action, but our Commissioners recognize that constructive resolutions, such as mandating trainings and policy changes, are more likely to lead to changes in behavior and changes in practice. We are dedicated to creating positive change and promoting equality, which stands out in our efforts to proactively work with communities, businesses, and organizations to prevent and recognize discrimination.



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Examples of Complaints:

A father and young son look at some apartments with an agent. The agent remarks that he did not realize the client had any kids and suggests the parent look at another property.

A landlord denies the application of a potential tenant because they have a service animal.

An agent "recommends" that renters and/or home buyers look in other neighborhoods based on their race.



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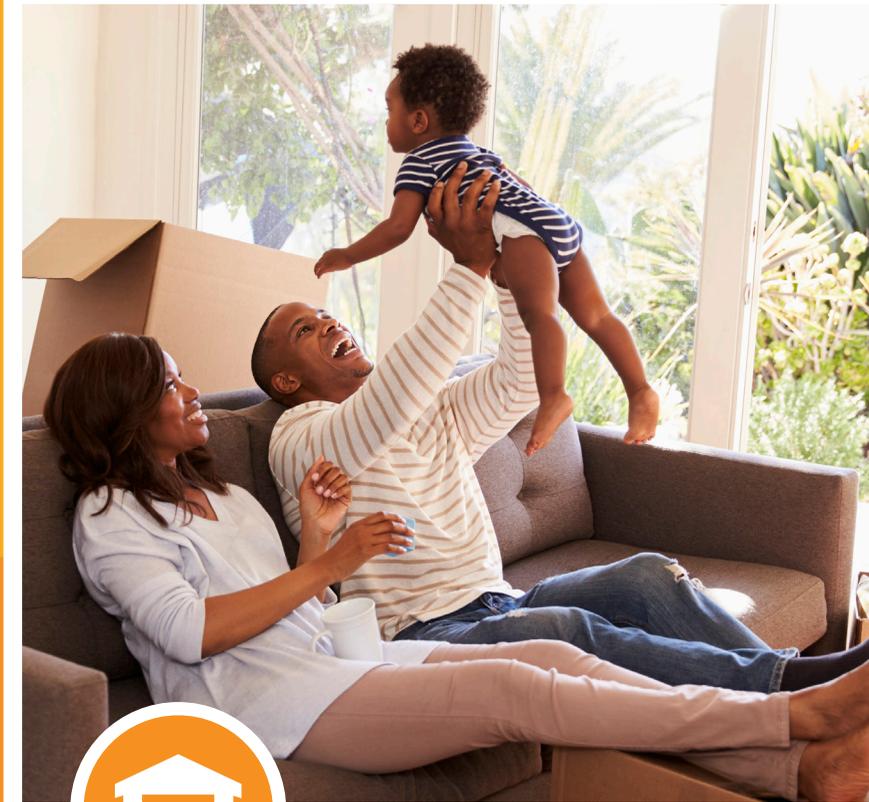
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Know Your Rights: Guide to Fair Housing



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Guide to Fair Housing



You must have experienced harm within the last 365 days to file a complaint with the PghCHR. The harm must have taken place within the territorial limits (physical boundaries) of the City of Pittsburgh.

The City of Pittsburgh fair housing ordinance (Chapter 659.03) protects you from illegal discrimination because of your ancestry, color, disability, familial status, gender identity or expression, national origin, place of birth, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or status as a victim of domestic violence. These categories are often referred to as “protected classes.”

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If you have experienced a harm listed below and believe it is because of your membership in a protected class, you may have experienced discrimination:

1. Denial of equal opportunity to purchase, sell, lease, sublease, rent, assign, or otherwise transfer housing, refusal to negotiate on any of these matters, or representation that such property is not available for inspection when it is so available;
2. Difference in treatment in the terms, conditions or privileges in the use or occupancy of a housing unit, or difference in the furnishings of any facilities or services of a housing unit;
3. Misrepresentation of sale or rental of property by a housing provider representing that the racial composition of the area will change;
4. Denial of financing, mortgage loan guarantee or other funds for the purchase, construction, rehabilitation, repair or maintenance of any housing unit or housing accommodation;
5. Publication of any notice, statement or advertisement or announcement of a policy, or use of any form of application, or making of any record or inquiry which specifies any discriminatory limitation (ex. “no kids,” “English-speaking only,” etc.).

Right to Request Reasonable Accommodations & Modifications

You have the right to request a reasonable accommodation or modification of your rental unit in order to accommodate a disability. It is against the law for a landlord to refuse to allow a person with a disability to make reasonable modifications to an apartment (at the expense of the tenant), or to make reasonable accommodations in rules, practices, or services when needed for the full enjoyment of the premises by a tenant with a disability.

Retaliation is Against the Law

If you are subjected to discrimination because you filed a complaint of discrimination, that is illegal conduct and should be reported to the PghCHR.

Any obstruction or prevention by a housing provider of enforcement or compliance with the Unfair Practices statute of the City Code is against the law.

Contact Us to Start the Process

To file a complaint with the PghCHR, please email (human.relations@pittsburghpa.gov), call (412-255-2600), fax (412-255-2288) or online <http://pittsburghpa.gov/chr/inquiry> to start the process.