

McKinley County Fair Housing

WHAT IS HOUSING DISCRIMINATION?

Some signs of possible discrimination include:

- Have you ever been charged higher rent or told you couldn't rent because you have kids under 18?
- Has your landlord not allowed you to make changes to your home (at your expense) that need to be made because you or a family member has a disability?
- Has an insurance company refused to provide full insurance replacement coverage for your home because of the neighborhood?
- Have you ever been offered non-standard and unfavorable terms in the purchase of a home?
- ***If you suspect discrimination, you can file an administrative complaint. Information and forms are available at the Resources and Contact Information link on the left side of this page. If you want to learn more about Fair Housing, read the laws or contact any of the agencies listed at the Resources and Contact Information page (click on the link on the left side of this page)***

Fair Housing Laws

Federal Fair Housing Act. The Federal Fair Housing Act, passed in 1968 and amended in 1988, prohibits the discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status and disability. The Fair Housing Act covers most types of housing including rental housing, home sales, mortgage and home improvement lending, land use and zoning. There are exclusions and this is only a general description of the Act.

The full text can be viewed at :[Fair Housing Act](#)

State Fair Housing Law. New Mexico passed the New Mexico Human rights Act in 1969 which prohibits discrimination in the rental, assignment, lease and sublease of housing. In addition, the NMHRA prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color ,national origin, sex, physical and mental handicap, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, and spousal affiliation. Claims alleging violations of this Act should be filed with the State Human Rights Office (see Resources and Contacts for information).

The full Act can be viewed at: [NMHRA](#)

Also there is a fact sheet: [NMHRA Fact Sheet](#)

McKinley County participants in several activities annually to inform citizens of the Fair Housing Act (as required by the US Department of Housing & Urban Development and its Community Development Block Grant program).

For more information, please feel free to contact the County - (505) 863-1400.