

# FAIR HOUSING BASICS



# NOTIFICATION OF FAIR HOUSING ACT

## The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:

- Race or color
- National origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under 18)
- Handicap

## In the sale and rental of housing, no one may take any of the following actions based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or handicap:

- Refuse to rent, sell, or insure housing accommodations or residential property
- Refuse to lend money for the purchase, construction, repair, rehabilitation, or maintenance of housing accommodations or residential property
- Make housing unavailable
- Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Print, publish, or circulate any statement or advertisement which would indicate a preference or limitation
- Represent to any person that housing is not available for inspection, sale, rental, or lease
- For profit, persuade owners to sell or rent (blockbusting)
- Deny any person membership in any multiple listing service or real estate broker's organization

## What to do if you suspect housing discrimination?

- Make immediate detailed notes of your experience: date, time, place, names of agents or landlords, what you saw, and what you were told.
- Contact your local fair housing coordinator for assistance.

### In Shelby County, call or write:



Dianna Reisinger, Exec. Director  
Regional Planning Commission  
129 E. Court St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr.  
Sidney, OH 45365-3021  
PH: 937/498-7273

- Or, call the nearest Regional Office of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission in Dayton at 1-888-278-7101. An investigator will speak with you and schedule an appointment to discuss your complaint and help you file a charge.
- Or, call or write directly to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): Chicago Regional Office - Region V, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507  
Telephone: 312-353-7776
- Or, call the Fair Housing Complaints "Hotline" at 1-800-669-9777. Hearing impaired persons may call 1-800-927-9275 (TDD)



Although you may not want to submit a complaint, you should report any information about violations of the Federal Fair Housing Law to HUD. If you want to file a complaint, you must do so within one (1) year of the violation.

