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- 1. **U.S. Secretary of Agriculture**
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Washington, DC 20250
- 2. **USDA Director**
Office of Operations
Room 1575-S
1400 Independence Ave.
Washington, DC 20250
- 3. **Office of Civil Rights Director**
USDA Rural Development
Stop 0703
14th St. & Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250-0703
- 4. **Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity**
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Washington, DC 20410
- 5. **Any U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regional Office**

rd.usda.gov/about-rd/offices/civil-rights

1 (800) 787-8821 (Toll Free)

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Your Partner for
Fair Housing

If you have been denied your housing rights...
you may have experienced unlawful discrimination.

Fair Housing Is Your Right!

Together, America Prospers

Are You a Victim of Housing Discrimination?

The American Dream of having a safe and decent place to call “home” reflects our shared belief that in this Nation, opportunity and success are within everyone’s reach. Under our Fair Housing laws, every citizen is assured the opportunity to build a better life in the home or apartment of their choice — regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status or disability.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is committed to fair housing for all Americans. This form can help you address housing discrimination.

How Do You Recognize Housing Discrimination?

Under the Fair Housing Act, It Is Against the Law to:

- Refuse to rent to you or sell you housing
- Tell you housing is unavailable when in fact it is available
- Show you apartments or homes only in certain neighborhoods
- Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling
- Provide different housing services or facilities
- Advertise housing to preferred groups of people only
- Refuse to provide you with information regarding mortgage loans, deny you a mortgage loan, or impose different terms or conditions on a mortgage loan
- Deny you property insurance
- Conduct property appraisals in a discriminatory manner
- Refuse to let you make reasonable modifications to your dwelling or common use areas, at your expense, if it may be necessary for you to fully use the housing. (Where reasonable, a landlord may permit changes only if you agree to restore the property to its original condition when you move.)
- Refuse to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services if it may be necessary for you to use the housing on an equal basis with nondisabled persons
- Fail to design and construct housing in an accessible manner
- Harass, coerce, intimidate, or interfere with anyone exercising or assisting someone else with his/her fair housing rights



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It Is Unlawful to Discriminate in Housing Based on These Factors:

- Race
- Religion
- Familial status (families with children under the age of 18, or who are expecting a child)
- Color
- Sex
- National origin
- Disability

If You Believe Your Rights Have Been Violated...

- USDA or a State or local fair housing agency is ready to help you file a complaint.
- After your information is received, USDA or a State or local fair housing agency will contact you to discuss the concerns you raise.

Instructions: (Please type or print) Read this form carefully. Try to answer all questions. If you do not know the answer or a question does not apply to you, leave the space blank. You have 1 year from the date of the alleged discrimination to file a complaint. Sign and date your form.

1 What happened to you?

How were you discriminated against? For example: were you refused an opportunity to rent or buy housing? Denied a loan? Told that housing was not available when in fact it was? Treated differently from others seeking housing? State briefly what happened.

2 Why do you think you are a victim of housing discrimination?

Is it because of your:

- race
- sex
- familial status (families with children under age 18)
- color
- national origin
- religion
- disability

For example: Were you denied housing because of your race? Were you denied a mortgage loan because of your religion? Or turned down for an apartment because you have children? Briefly explain why you think your housing rights were denied and circle the factor(s) listed above that you believe apply.

3 Who do you believe discriminated against you?

For example: Was it a landlord, owner, bank, real estate agent, broker, company, or organization? Identify who you believe discriminated against you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

4 Where did the alleged act of discrimination occur?

For example: Was it at a rental unit? Single family home? Public or Assisted Housing? A mobile home?

Did it occur at a bank or other lending institution? Provide the address.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

5 When did the last act of discrimination occur?

Enter the date: _____

Is the alleged discrimination continuing? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Housing Discrimination Information

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Best time to call: _____

Your Daytime Phone No: _____ Evening Phone No: _____

Email: _____

Who else can we call if we cannot reach you? _____

Contact's Name: _____ Best Time to call: _____

Daytime Phone No: _____ Evening Phone No: _____