## If You Believe Your Rights Have Not Been Respected:

- HUD or a State or local fair housing agency is ready to help you.
- The City of South Sioux City can help ensure Fair Housing.

For more information contact the City Clerk at South Sioux City, City Hall at 402-494-7504.



For additional assistance please contact the Nebraska **Equal Opportunity Commission** or go to their website at:

www.neoc.ne.gov/HousingLaw.html

#### Contact information:

Lincoln (Main Office)
Nebraska State Office Building
301 Centennial Mall South, 5th Floor
PO Box 94934
Lincoln, NE 68509-4934

Telephone: (402) 471-2024 Toll Free: (800) 642-6112 Fax: (402) 471-4059

#### Omaha

State Office Building 1313 Farnam-on-the-Mall, 3rd Floor Omaha, NE 68102-1836 Telephone: (402) 595-2028 Toll Free: (800) 382-7820

Fax: (402) 595-1205

#### Scottsbluff

Panhandle State Office Complex 505A Broadway, Suite 600 Scottsbluff, NE 69361-3515 Telephone: (308) 632-1340 Toll Free: (800) 830-8633

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# What is Fair Housing and What are your Rights

Have you been told an apartment has a "no kids" policy?

Have you been harassed by your landlord because of your accent, religion or gender?



#### **Know your Rights!**





#### What is Fair Housing?

Fair Housing is the right for all people to have safe, decent housing and be able to get this housing without discrimination. City, State, and Federal Fair Housing Laws require that all people have an equal opportunity to buy, rent, or live in housing.

This document provides some basic information about a housing provider's responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act. The Fair Housing Act ensures that all persons receive equal housing opportunity.

### For more information please check out these Fair Housing Laws:

- Fair Housing Act, 1968
- Nebraska Fair Housing Act, 1991
- South Sioux City Fair Housing Ordinance, 92-16

# It is Unlawful to Discriminate in Housing Based on These Factors...

- Race
- Color
- National origin (immigrants)
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial status (families with children under the age of 18, or who are expecting a child)
- Sexual orientation
- Mental or physical disability
- Source of income

#### **Immigrants**

The Fair Housing Act protects all people against prohibited discrimination, regardless of their legal status in the United States. In addition, the Act expressly prohibits discrimination because of national origin.

#### Sexual orientation

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) enforces regulations that ensure its programs are open to all eligible individuals regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

#### **UNFAIR HOUSING EXAMPLES:**

- 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 make reasonable accommodations for persons with a disability if the accommodation may be necessary to afford such person a reasonable and equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling
- 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
- And many more...