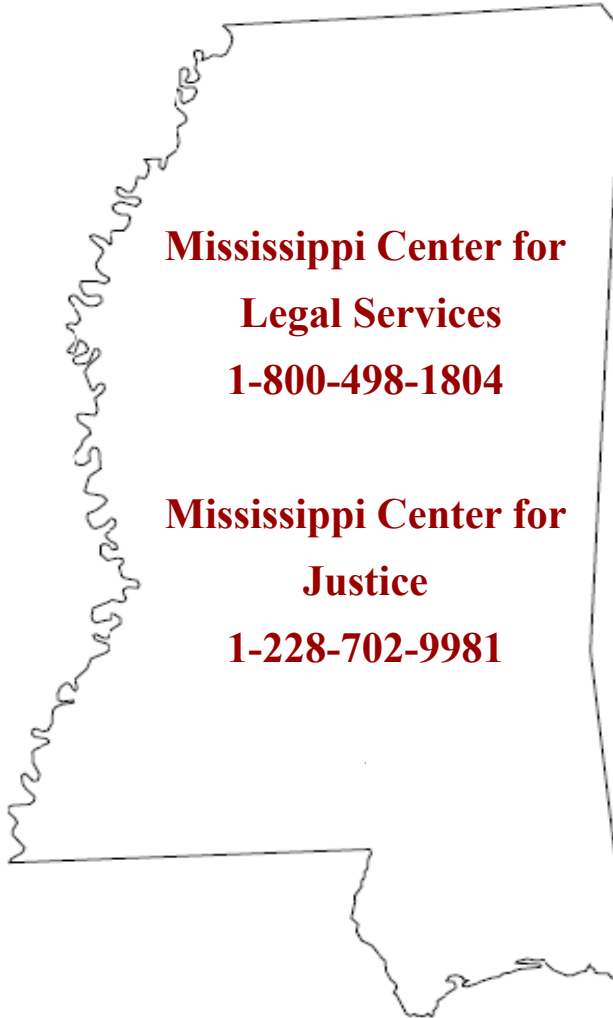

Signs of Potential Housing Discrimination

The FHA makes it illegal for any of the activities below to occur based on someone being a member of a protected class.

- Conditions of availability change between when you call and when you visit in-person.
- In the sale or rental of a dwelling, different terms, conditions or privileges. (ex: rent, deposit, use of facilities)
- Refusal to rent, sell or negotiate for housing.
- Advertisements in a newspaper, a publication or signs that say “no children” or “adults only”.
- Refusal to allow an accessibility modification to a dwelling or an accommodation to a policy for a person with a disability.

Local Resources for Assistance



For more information, contact the Community and Economic Development Office at (228) 938-6639, or visit www.cityofpascagoula.com/fair-housing.



What is Fair Housing?



It's Your Right!

Fair Housing

Fair Housing Act (FHA)

FHA was passed by Congress in 1968. It is an effort to provide a solution to illegal discrimination in housing based on the protected classes.

Protected Classes

It is unlawful to discriminate in housing transactions because of:

- Race
- Color
- Gender
- National Origin
- Religion
- Disability
- Families with Children under 18

What should you do if you feel that you have experienced housing discrimination?

1. As soon as possible, write down details from the incident including date, time, addresses, apartment / house numbers, names, physical descriptions and what happened.
2. Contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) - Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) 1-800-440-8091. The Hearing Impaired may call TTY 1-800-927-9275.
3. File an administrative Fair Housing Complaint with HUD FHEO.

Other Facts

- Most housing is covered by the FHA.
 - If someone is exercising their Fair Housing Rights, it is illegal to interfere, threaten, coerce or intimidate.
 - In buildings occupied after March 13, 1991 with (4) or more units, public use areas and common spaces must be accessible to persons with disabilities.
 - Pregnant women are covered under the Families with Children protected class.
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