What is CAFHC?
The Central Alabama Fair Housing Center (CAFHC), a non-profit agency, works to ensure equal housing opportunity for all people regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status (having or expecting children), or disability.

How Can the Fair Housing Center Help You?
The Central Alabama Fair Housing Center can help if you feel you have been discriminated against when you tried to rent an apartment, buy a house, apply for a mortgage, or obtain home insurance.

The Fair Housing Center will:
- Counsel you about your rights.
- Investigate your complaint.
- Take action on your behalf when appropriate.

In addition to its enforcement and advocacy programs, the Fair Housing Center also:
- Informs the public about fair housing.
- Provides fair housing training for realtors, property managers, banks, and other industry professionals.
- Monitors housing practices throughout central Alabama.

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“It is not possible to be in favor of justice for some people and not be in favor of justice for all people.”

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
How Do I Recognize Housing Discrimination?

Discrimination is rarely blatant. It is often disguised with a handshake and a smile. Not all poor service is due to discrimination, but be suspicious if a manager or agent:

• Does not return your phone calls.
• Does not make or keep appointments for you to see particular houses or apartments.
• Consistently shows you houses below your price range.
• Shows you houses or apartments only in areas where many of the residents are the same race as you.
• Requires an unreasonably high security deposit for an apartment.
• Discourages you from making an offer.
• Tells you on the phone that an apartment is available and then says it was just rented when you meet in person.
• Quotes a price that seems unusually high for the area or neighborhood.

What Should I Do If I Think My Rights Have Been Violated?

• Keep records of any meetings and phone calls with the landlord, property manager, real estate agent, loan officer, or insurance agent.
• Write down everything that happened. Save all receipts, applications, business cards and other documents relating to your housing, financing or lending search.
• Contact the Central Alabama Fair Housing Center. Telephone 334-263-4663, fax 334-263-4664 or visit our website www.centralalabamafairhousing.org.

What is Housing Discrimination?

Discrimination occurs when housing providers treat people differently because of their race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status, or disability.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the rental, sales, mortgage lending, and home insurance markets. Here are just a few examples of illegal practices:

• Guiding people to or away from neighborhoods or areas based on race.
• Refusing to insure or finance a home based on the racial makeup of a neighborhood.
• Not allowing a guide dog or wheelchair ramp in an apartment building.
• Constructing non-accessible apartments.
• Saying “No Children Allowed.”
• Demanding sexual favors in exchange for rental assistance.
• Inflating the price of a home to discourage someone from making an offer.
• Refusing to rent an apartment to a person with HIV/AIDS.
• Selectively asking for a “green card” or other documentation based on an applicant’s accent or ethnic background.