**WHO QUALIFIES AS “FAMILIAL?”**

Children under the age of 18 who live with a parent or with a person who has legal custody of the child or children. You are also protected if you are pregnant or if you are anticipating having legal custody of a child under the age of 18.

**WHAT DOES THIS DISCRIMINATION LOOK LIKE?**

Sometimes it’s obvious, like a flat-out refusal to rent to families with kids, or banning children from certain amenities or areas of the building, like pools or lawns. But more often, it’s subtle and hidden. Providers might ask probing questions about plans for having kids, or about childcare arrangements. Some providers steer renters will say things like “This really isn’t a great area for kids.”

**MARRIED? PARTNERED? SINGLE?**

That’s YOUR business. Not a landlord’s. They don’t get to impose their values in their role as gatekeeper.

**OCCUPANCY LIMITS**

Housing providers are permitted to establish reasonable limits for the number of persons who can occupy a home. But there’s no single standard.

**HAZARDOUS OR DANGEROUS CONDITIONS**

If a unit or building isn’t safe for kids, it’s the provider’s responsibility to make their units safe. For everyone. They can’t exclude families with kids.

**THE MANDATORY DISCLAIMER**

Certain types of housing, like retirement communities and other housing intended exclusively for elderly residents are exempt.

**YOUR GENERATION CAN PLAY A KEY ROLE IN MAKING FAIR HOUSING A LIVING REALITY FOR EVERYONE**

If you think you are experiencing any form of housing discrimination, contact the FHJC. We will help sort out the facts and provide you with information about your rights and options under fair housing laws. Our counseling and investigative services are provided for free, regardless of income. [fairhousingjustice.org](http://fairhousingjustice.org)

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