ARE NON-U.S. CITIZENS COVERED?

Yes. Fair Housing protections apply to everyone, regardless of citizenship or immigration status.

HOW DO I RESPOND TO LANDLORD INQUIRIES ABOUT MY IMMIGRATION STATUS?

- Landlords are allowed to request documentation and conduct inquiries to determine whether a potential renter meets the criteria for rental, so long as this procedure is applied to all potential renters.
- Landlords can ask for identity documents and institute credit checks to ensure ability to pay rent. A person’s ability to pay rent or fitness as a tenant is not necessarily connected to their immigration status.
- Procedures to screen tenants for citizenship and immigration status may violate the FHA on national origin discrimination.
- Landlords and real estate agents CANNOT ask you questions about your immigration status.

WHAT IF ENGLISH IS NOT MY FIRST LANGUAGE?

A housing provider may not impose less favorable terms or conditions on a group of residents of a certain national origin by taking advantage of their limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English.

MY LANDLORD IS THREATENING TO REPORT MY UNDOCUMENTED STATUS:

It is illegal to coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with a person’s exercise or enjoyment of rights granted or protected by the FHA.
- This includes threats to report a person to ICE if they report housing discrimination.