

## Helping Kids Understand Fair Housing

Where you live affects every area of your life: your school, your health options, your employment opportunities, your friendships and neighbors, and your lifestyle. Fair Housing helps prevent discrimination when families are looking for a place to call home.

## The Fair Housing Act

In 1968, the President Lyndon Johnson signed the Fair Housing Act making housing discrimination illegal in the United States. Though we have made progress against discrimination, many challenges to fair housing remain.

Fair Housing laws prohibit housing discrimination based on:

- Race
- Color
- Gender
- Religion
- National Origin
- Disability
- Familial Status (minor children)

## What activities are prohibited?

Based on the fair housing protected classes, it is illegal to:

- Refuse to rent, lease, or sell most types of housing.
- Represent that housing is not available when it is.
- Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for housing or for use of housing facilities.
- Provide different levels or quality of housing services.
- Refuse to make reasonable accommodations or modifications to allow a person with a disability to live in a unit.
- Refuse to rent to families because they have children unless the property meets the criteria for senior housing.
- Enforce rules for some tenants only. Advertise in a discriminatory manner.

The City of Chandler strives to ensure equal housing opportunity and to educate the community on the value of diversity in our neighborhoods.

Contact City of Chandler Community Development & Resources if you feel you are experiencing housing discrimination, need help with a reasonable accommodation (for people with disabilities) or if you need information about rent or utility assistance.



