

*Legal Access For All*

**COMMUNITY**

— LEGAL SERVICES

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Fair Housing Act

# The Fair Housing Act



**The Federal Fair Housing Act, 42 USC §§3601 – 3619, protects people from discrimination when they are renting or buying a home, getting a mortgage, seeking housing assistance, or engaging in other housing-related activities.**

- **Additional protections apply to federally-assisted housing.**

**Similarly, Florida's Fair Housing Act, Chapter 760 of the Florida Statutes, prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, disability, or familial status. This includes discrimination in the sale or rental of housing, as well as in the provision of services and facilities related to housing.**

# Who is Protected?

**The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:**

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex
  - including gender identity and sexual orientation
- Familial Status
- Disability

# Community Legal Services

Community Legal Services (CLS) is the primary provider of no-cost legal services to the most vulnerable in Central Florida, helping them to protect their families, health, and livelihoods.

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