## ARE YOU BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST?

## SITUATIONS THAT MIGHT INDICATE ILLEGAL HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

• Has a landlord ever told you they do not accept rental assistance, such as Section 8 vouchers or that their apartment would not pass inspection?

• Have you been told an apartment has been rented but you later see that it has been relisted?

• Have you been told a higher selling price or rent than what was advertised or what you heard others being told?

• Have you been told the property cannot be rented to your family because of the presence of lead paint?

• Have you been directed to or away from neighborhoods based on race, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, or disability?

• Have you been given terms of a rental or sale which are different from those given to other persons, such as being assessed different fees?

## IN MASSACHUSETTS, IT IS ILLEGAL TO DISCRIMINATE IN THE RENTAL OR SALE OF HOUSING BASED ON THE FOLLOWING PROTECTED CLASSES

- Race
- Color
- Gender Identity
- Sex
- Ancestry
- Military Status
- Sexual Orientation
- Disability/Handicap

- Religion
- Age (over 40)
- Marital Status
- National Origin
- Source of Income

(Public Assistance, including Section 8)

Familial Status

(including presence of children)



IF YOU THINK YOU have been OR are currently BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, CLICK THE FOLLOWING FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Boston Fair Housing Commission (Assistance for residents in the City of Boston)

Housing Discrimination Testing Program - Suffolk University Law School (Student/Clinical Advocacy Statewide)

Massachussets Commission Against Discrimination (Statewide Jurisdiction)

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development - Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (Federal Assistance for Federal Protected Classes)

Massachusetts Attorney General's Office - Civil Rights Division (Statewide Jurisdiction)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT Massachusetts AND Federal Fair Housing laws CHECK OUT:

**Fair Housing Act** 

Massachussets General Laws 151B§4

OUR INTAKE LINE: (617) 884 - 7568

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