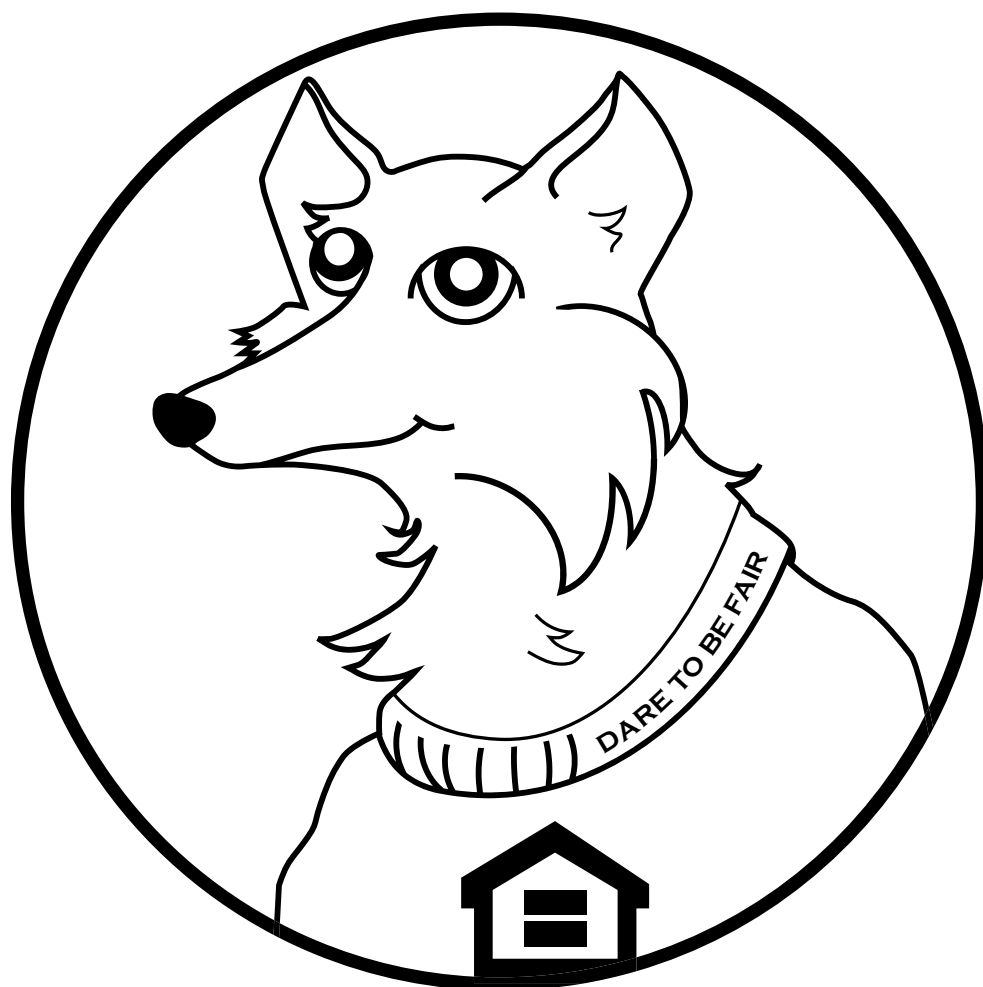


# FRANKLIN'S FAIR HOUSING



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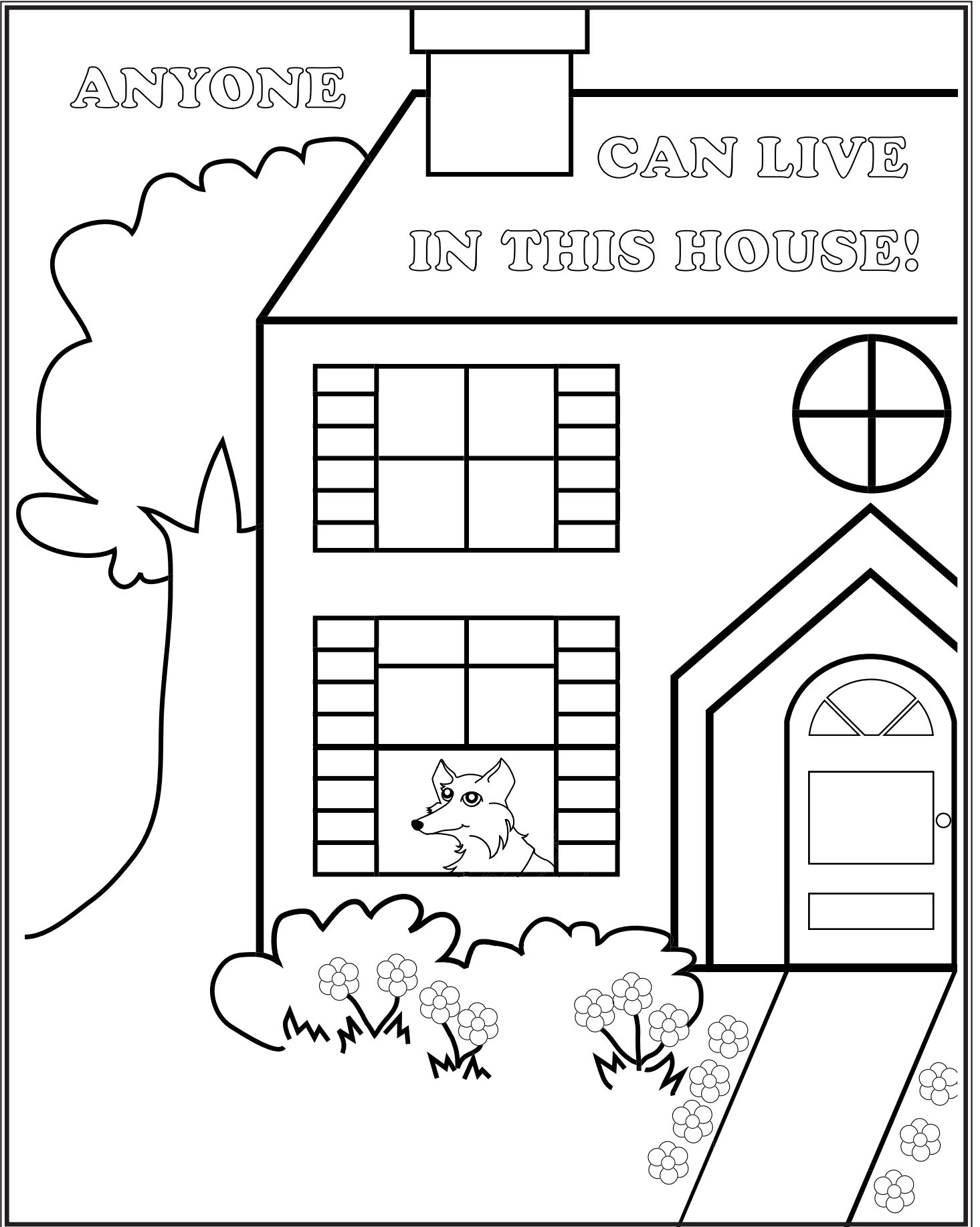


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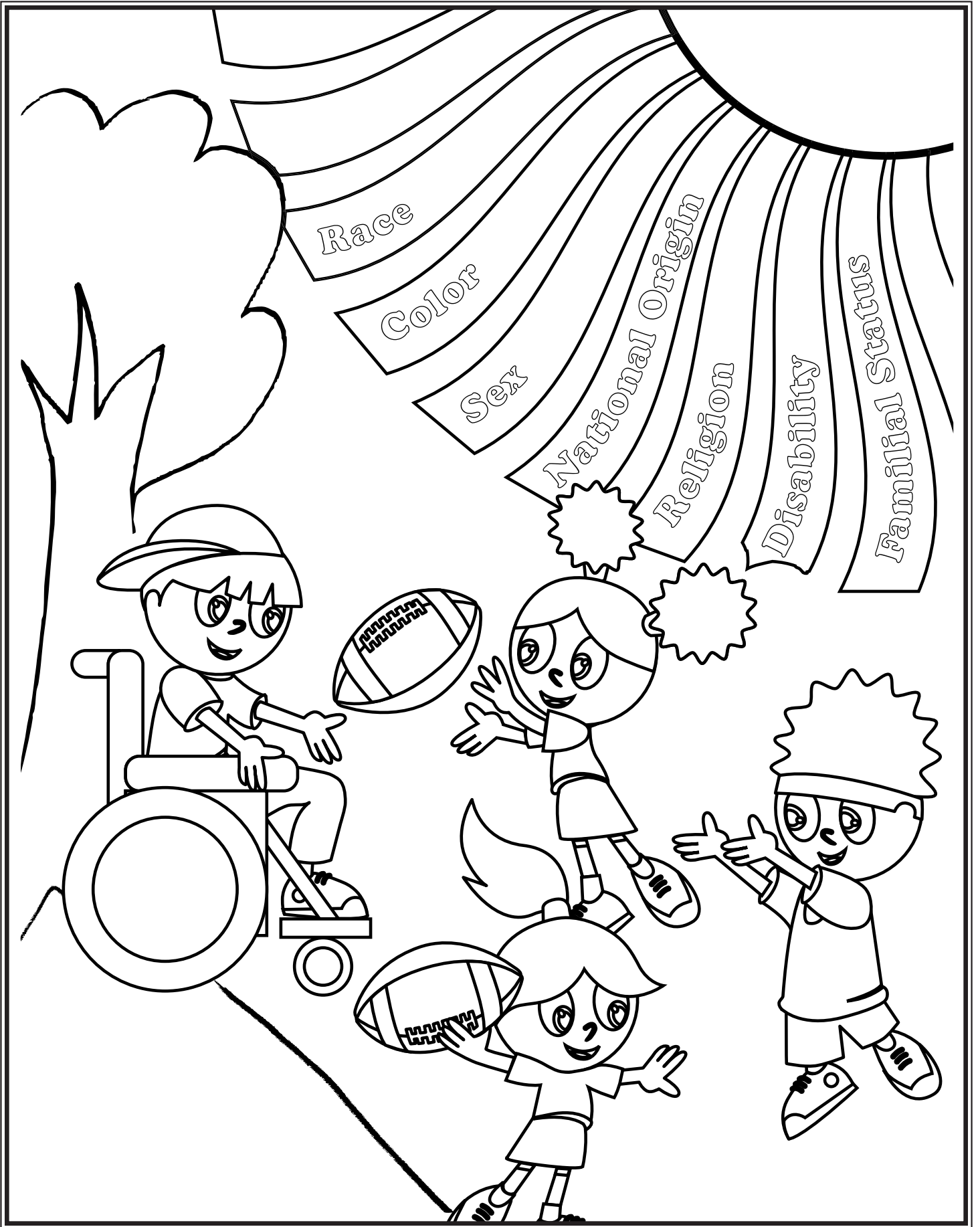
IN THIS HOUSE!



We All Can Live  
In This  
Neighborhood



No Matter Your..



# FAIR HOUSING AND YOU!



FRANKLIN, the Fair Housing Fox, wants you to know what makes housing "fair." The Fair Housing Act and other fair housing laws protect your family's right to live anywhere they want and can afford to live! When looking for a place to call home, you should not be treated differently because of your race, color, sex, familial status (whether your family has children), religion, national origin (what country you're from), or disability. It's illegal to treat some people less favorably than others without any fair or proper reason. That is discrimination.

Here are some examples of housing discrimination:

- When someone tells your family that they cannot rent an apartment or buy a house because they have children.
- If a landlord tells an African-American or Hispanic family they have to pay more money for rent than a white family.
- When a bank refuses to lend money to someone who wants to buy a house in a minority neighborhood.
- If a blind person is not allowed to rent an apartment because they have a service dog.

Treat others the way you want to be treated.

## Dare To Be Fair!

Report Housing Discrimination to HUD



1-800-669-9777  
1-800-927-9275 (TTY)  
[www.hud.gov/fairhousing](http://www.hud.gov/fairhousing)  
[www.hud.gov/franklin](http://www.hud.gov/franklin)



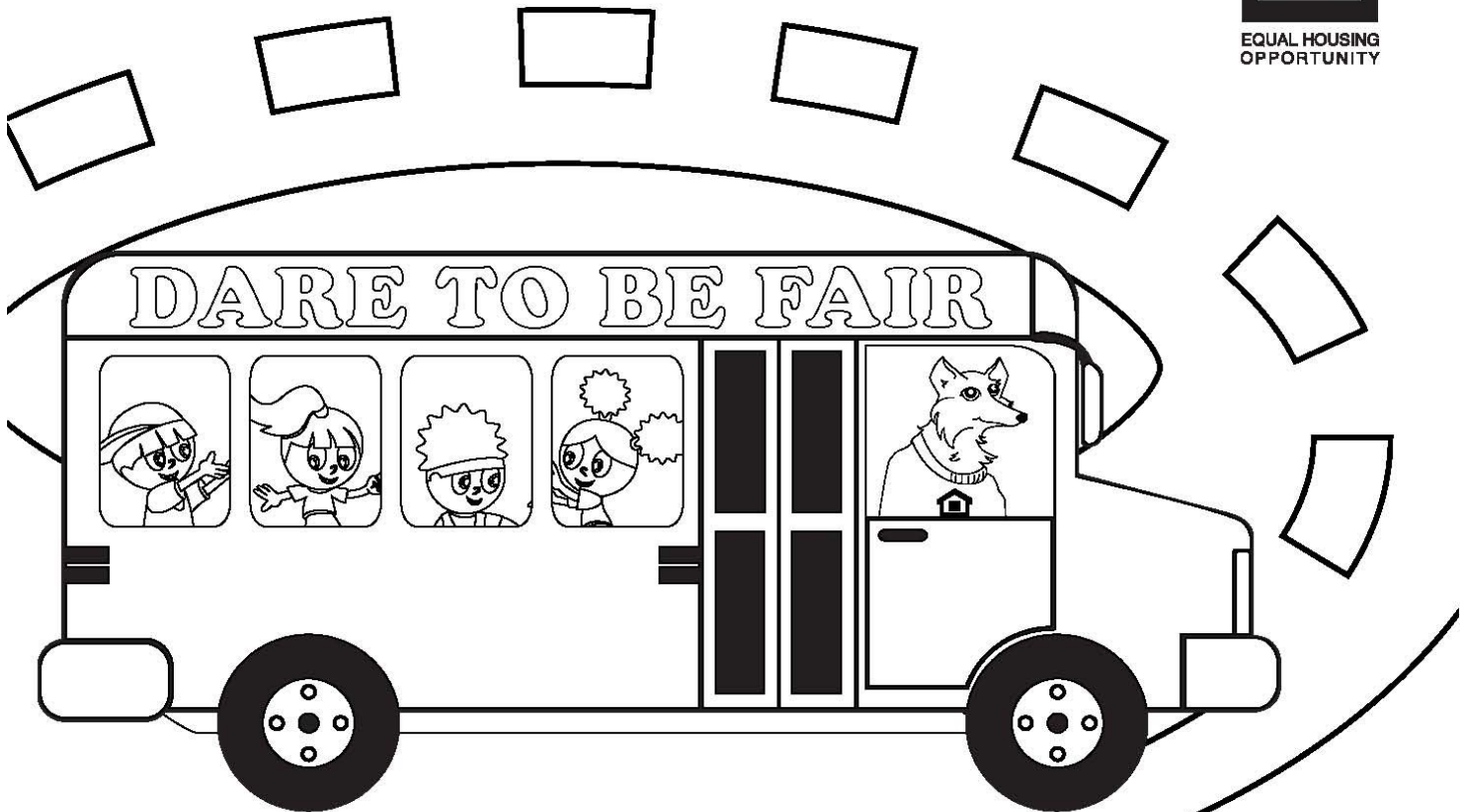
# TO LEARN MORE...

**Visit the**

US Department of  
Housing and Urban Development  
at [www.hud.gov/fairhousing](http://www.hud.gov/fairhousing)

The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission  
at [www.phrc.pa.gov](http://www.phrc.pa.gov)

The Fair Housing Law Center  
at [www.fhlaw.org](http://www.fhlaw.org)





# FAIR HOUSING



## INDIANA COUNTY *Pennsylvania*

Coloring Pages by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

[https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/FRANKLIN\\_COLORING\\_BOOK.PDF](https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/FRANKLIN_COLORING_BOOK.PDF)



Information pages provided by the Indiana County Office of Planning & Development

- Fair Housing Protected Classes
- What is Fair Housing
- Fair Housing Contact Information
- How and where to file a Fair Housing Claim



# What is Fair Housing?

## The Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968

The Fair Housing Act (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968) introduced meaningful federal enforcement mechanisms. It outlaws:

- Refusal to sell or rent a dwelling to any person in the terms, conditions or privileges of sale or rental of a dwelling because of Discrimination based on:
  - Race
  - Color
  - Religion
  - Sex
  - Disability
  - Familial status
  - National origin
- Advertising the sale or rental of a dwelling indicating preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, disability or national origin.
- Coercing, threatening, intimidating, or interfering with a person's enjoyment or exercise of housing rights based on discriminatory reasons or retaliating against a person or organization that aids or encourages the exercise or enjoyment of fair housing rights.

## In Pennsylvania it is also illegal to discriminate in housing based on

Age, Ancestry, and Pregnancy

Fair housing laws specific to Pennsylvania in the state's Human Relations Act go a bit further and offer a few more specifics, adding age (over 40), ancestry and pregnancy to the protected classes, as it is noted on the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission website. Additionally, a person who requires the use of a service animal or a person that trains service animals cannot be refused housing for that reason.

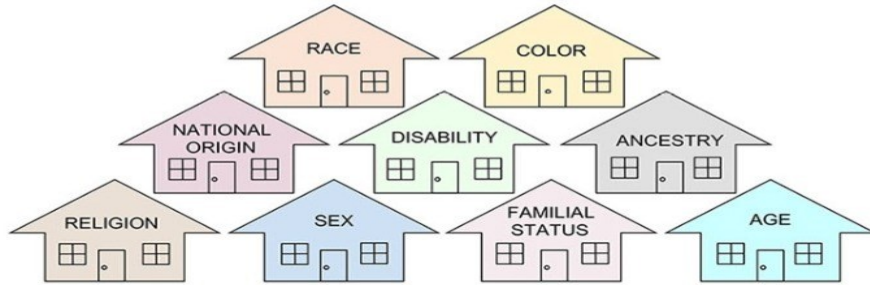
## Local Municipalities may have adopted other protections under the listed protected classes.

While neither the Fair Housing Act nor the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act have been amended to additionally protect against discrimination based on gender identity or sexual orientation.

Check with your city to see if a local ordinance has been passed to establish such housing protections.



## PROTECTED CLASSES



If you belong to any of the protected classes above, and feel you are being treated differently or unfairly due to being in one of the protected classes; whether in housing rental, buying a home, selling a home or obtaining a mortgage; there are a few ways to file a complaint.

### File a report with Indiana County

Contact: Christina Coleman  
Phone: (724) 465-3872  
Email: [tcoleman@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us](mailto:tcoleman@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us)  
In-writing: 801 Water Street, Indiana, PA 15701



### Contact the Fair Housing Law Center

10 West Cherry Avenue  
Washington, PA 15301  
  
Phone: (724) 225-6170  
Fax: (724) 250-1078  
Toll Free Hotline: 1-(877)-725-4472

Website: <http://www.fhlaw.org>

To file a report:

<http://fhlaw.org/report-housing-discrimination/>

Follow them on facebook [@fairhousinglawcenter](https://www.facebook.com/fairhousinglawcenter)



### Contact the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

301 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 390, Piatt Place  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Phone: (412) 565-5395  
(412) 565-5711 TTY users only

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

[www.phrc.pa.gov](http://www.phrc.pa.gov)



### Contact the Department of Housing and Urban Development

[www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

(800) 669-9777



## How to File a Complaint

### 1. File a complaint with Online US Department of Housing & Urban Development

You can file a complaint with FHEO online <https://www.hud.gov/fairhousing>

#### Download and Email

You can **download** the complaint form from <https://www.hud.gov/fairhousing> and email to:

*Email to:* [ComplaintsOffice03@hud.gov](mailto:ComplaintsOffice03@hud.gov)

#### Phone

You can speak with an FHEO intake specialist by calling 1-800-669-9777 or 1-800-877-8339.

You can also call your regional FHEO office at the phone numbers below.

#### **Pennsylvania**

Philadelphia Regional Office of FHEO  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
(215) 861-7646  
(888) 799-2085  
TTY (215) 656-3450

#### **Download and Mail - complaint form** <https://www.hud.gov/fairhousing>

Philadelphia Regional Office of FHEO  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
The Wanamaker Building  
100 Penn Square East, 12th Floor  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-3380

### 2. File a complaint with Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission [www.phrc.pa.gov](http://www.phrc.pa.gov)

#### **Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission—** [www.phrc.pa.gov](http://www.phrc.pa.gov)

Calling (717) 787-4410 | (717) 787-7279 TTY users only phone, or contacting

#### **Pittsburgh Regional Office**

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Christina Coleman, Fair Housing Officer  
801 Water St.  
Indiana, PA 15701  
[tcoleman@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us](mailto:tcoleman@ceo.co.indiana.pa.us)  
724-465-3872

### 4. Get legal information and file a complaint with the Fair Housing Law Center [www.fhlaw.org](http://www.fhlaw.org)

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