

Chester County is a recipient of a Community Development Block Grant. As a recipient of the CDBG funds, the County hereby posts the Fair Housing Law for informational purposes of all residents of Chester County.

FAIR HOUSING LAW

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings based on:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Sex
- National Origin

The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expands the coverage of Title VIII to:

1. Prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of:
 - Disability
 - Familial Status
2. Strengthen the administrative enforcement provisions of Title VIII.
3. Provide for the award of monetary damages where discriminatory housing practices are found.

The following actions are considered to be discriminatory under the Fair Housing Law:

- Refusing to sell, rent, deal, or negotiate with any person.
- Discriminating in terms or conditions for buying or renting.
- Advertising that housing is available only to persons of a certain race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or of a specific family size.
- Denying that housing is available for inspection, sale or rent when it really is available.
- "Blockbusting" -persuading owners to sell or rent housing by telling that minority groups are moving in the neighborhood.
- Denying or making different terms or conditions for home loans by commercial lenders, such as banks, savings and loans, and insurance companies.
- Denying to anyone the use of or participation in any real estate services, such as broker organizations, multiple-listing services or other facilities related to the selling and renting of housing.
- Refusing to allow reasonable accommodation to be made for a person with disabilities.