# **How YOU Can Help**

If you would like to donate to Montana Fair Housing, simply scan this code to reach the donation section on our website!



# **Get Involved**

We have volunteer opportunities available! Email: inquiry@montanafairhousing.org or call to find out how you can assist us in ending housing discrimination.



#### Who We Are

Montana Fair Housing is a private, full service, non-profit organization dedicated to the elimination of housing discrimination.

#### **Our Mission**

To promote and ensure nondiscrimination in Montana through outreach, education, dispute resolution, and enforcement.

## **Contact Us**

To report housing discrimination or if you have questions about the federal, state, or local laws requiring housing be available on an equal opportunity basis, contact Montana Fair Housing.



# Promoting Equal Housing Opportunities Across Montana

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# Fair Housing—It's Your Right And It's The Law

Fair Housing laws protect you against intimidation, coercion, and harassment.

Should you file a complaint of housing discrimination, federal and state Fair Housing laws prohibit retaliation.

ACT NOW! There are statutes of limitations that apply when filing complaints of housing discrimination.

# Discrimination occurs when

a housing provider makes a decision about a household's eligibility for services, or applies different terms and/or conditions on a household, **BECAUSE OF** the household's membership in a protected class, or the protected class status of someone associated with the household.

# Federal Protected Classes:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- National Origin
- Sex
- Disability
- Familial Status

## Additional State Protected Classes:

- Marital Status
- Creed
- Age

Local laws may provide additional protections.

The Federal Fair Housing Act and Montana Human Rights Act prohibit housing discrimination in all housingrelated services and cover all entities. Some exemptions exist.

# WHAT WE DO

#### Services:

- Outreach to providers, advocates, and consumers to ensure they are aware of non-discrimination laws
- Educational opportunities for housing providers, consumers, and advocates
- Dispute resolution services to address issues related to federal, state, and/or local non-discrimination laws, if parties are interested in resolving issues pre-filing.

#### **Enforcement:**

- Investigate allegations of discrimination and counsel victims of housing discrimination
- Assist in the filing of administrative complaints with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Montana Human Rights Bureau.