

# What Is Fair Housing?

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## *Long Island Housing Services' Mission:*

Elimination of unlawful  
housing discrimination and  
promotion of decent and  
affordable housing through  
advocacy and education.

**Long Island**  
celebrates the



**50th Anniversary**  
of the  
**Fair Housing Act**

# What is Fair Housing?

Fair housing means that all people have the right to live in the housing of their choice that they can afford free from discrimination.\*

\***Discrimination:** Denial of equal treatment and opportunity

It is U.S. policy and law to promote equitable housing choice and eliminate segregation.

What  
**types of housing**  
are covered  
by the federal  
**FAIR HOUSING ACT?**

# Housing covered by the federal Fair Housing Act

## Single Family Homes

- **Single Family homes** owned by **private persons** when a **real estate broker** and/or **discriminatory advertising** is used to sell or rent the home
- **Single Family homes** **not** owned by **private persons** (for example, owned by corporations or partnerships) even if a broker is not used to sell or rent the home

# Housing covered by the federal Fair Housing Act

## Multifamily Dwellings

- Multifamily dwellings with **5 or more units**, including rooming houses
- Multifamily dwellings with **4 or fewer units**, if the **owner does not live** in one of the units.\*

\* NYSHRL covers three or more units

# Other types of dwellings covered under the Fair Housing Act



- Group Homes
- Nursing Homes
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Residential Hotels
- Dormitories
- Condos and Cooperatives
- Manufactured and Mobile Homes

# How Do You Protect Your Fair Housing Rights?

**Anyone who believes he or she has been discriminated against can file a complaint.**

If you want to discuss options, or obtain help from a professional Fair Housing advocate...

Contact ***Long Island Housing Services, Inc.***

**(631) 567-5111 ext. 375**

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# Call Long Island Housing Services, Inc.

631-567-5111 ext. 375

Find links in the description below.

## Federal

U.S. Department of  
Housing and Urban Development  
New York FHEO Office  
26 Federal Plaza, Room 3532  
New York, NY 10278-0068

## Nassau County

Nassau County Commission  
on Human Rights  
240 Old County Road  
Mineola, NY 11501

## State

N.Y. State Division of Human Rights  
One Fordham Plaza, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Bronx, NY 10458

## Suffolk County

Suffolk County  
Human Rights Commission  
100 Veterans Memorial Highway Suite #1  
Hauppauge, NY 11788