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## **Suffolk County Human Rights Law Expanded to include Domestic Violence Victims, Veterans, Military Status and Lawful Source of Income**

Fair Housing means that you have the right to live wherever you choose and to be treated according to the same rules as everyone else.

When based on one or more protected categories, unlawful discriminatory practices may include those such as:

- 🏠 Refusing to sell, rent or lease housing
- 🏠 Misrepresenting the availability of housing
- 🏠 Setting different conditions or privileges for the sale, rental or lease
- 🏠 Discriminatory advertising
- 🏠 Refusing to provide modifications or reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities
- 🏠 Refusing to rent based on any lawful source of income, such as public assistance, Social Security or Housing Choice Vouchers
- 🏠 Steering potential homebuyers to or away from an area because of a protected category
- 🏠 Pressuring homeowners to sell because of racial, ethnic or other demographic changes
- 🏠 Refusing to allow a service animal to reside with a tenant because of a "no pets" policy
- 🏠 Threatening, intimidating or interfering with individuals in their enjoyment of a housing accommodation
- 🏠 Retaliating against an individual who has filed a complaint

In Suffolk County it is against the law to discriminate in housing based on:

- Race
- Color
- Creed
- Age
- National Origin
- Alienage or Citizenship Status
- Gender
- Sexual Orientation
- Disability
- Marital Status
- Familial Status
- Military Status \*
- Veteran Status \*
- Status as a Victim of Domestic Violence \*
- Lawful Source of Income \*

(\* Lawful Source of Income applies only to sales, rentals or leases offered by any person with 3 or more housing accommodations within Suffolk County.)

**\*Effective 1/21/2015**

If you believe you are a victim of housing discrimination, call the **Suffolk County Human Rights Commission** at **631-853-5480** to speak with an investigator.

Immigration status is not an impediment to filing.  
Language assistance services available free of charge.

*Additional information may be found on our website:*  
<http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/HumanRightsCommission>

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