

# FAIR HOUSING CONTACT SERVICE

LANDLORD-TENANT DISAGREEMENTS ARE A COMMON OCCURRENCE IN THE RENTING PROCESS. SOME OF THESE DISAGREEMENTS COULD BE AVOIDED IF LANDLORDS AND TENANTS WERE AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

#### **TENANTS SHOULD:**

- Pay rent on time.
- Keep property safe & clean.
- Use reasonable care and not damage property.
- Get written permission from the landlord before subletting or allowing another person to move into the rental unit.

LANDLORDS SHOULD:

- Make property livable (safe and clean) before tenants move in.
- Make and pay for repairs that are needed due to ordinary wear and tear.
- Keep all common areas (hallways, entrances & parking lots) safe and clean.
- Refrain from turning off a tenant's utilities.
- Follow the Fair Housing laws against discrimination.

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AT FAIR HOUSING CONTACT SERVICE, WE BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE DESERVES TO LIVE IN THE SAFE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING OF THEIR CHOICE.



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## RENTING RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Fair Housing Contact Service strives to prevent and eliminate housing discrimination and to promote equal housing opportunity.







# THE FAIR HOUSING ACT PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF:

Race or Color National Origin Religion

Sex Disability Familial Status

Additional state and local protected classes may apply

#### TO HELP ENSURE THAT YOUR RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING SERVICES FREE OF CHARGE:

- Tenant/Landlord Counseling
- Assistance with Housing Discrimination Issues
- Comprehensive Housing Counseling
  - Home Refinance
  - Loan Document Review
  - First-Time Home Buyers
  - HECM Reverse Mortgage
  - Default/Foreclosure
- Educational Training Seminars
- Interpreting for Clients who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing or who speak a language other than English
- · Literature available in large print

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Signing a lease enters the tenant and the landlord into a business deal that carries rights and responsibilities.
- Tenants are responsible for following the lease agreement. Tenants should read the entire lease agreement and ask questions about any unclear terms in the lease.
- A landlord must give 24-hours' notice to enter the apartment.
- A landlord has 30 days from the time the tenant moves out to return the security deposit or provide an itemized deduction list for excessive cleaning or repairs that were needed.

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES AS A TENANT OR A LANDLORD

### We provide FREE assistance

Call our Hotline for Tenants and Landlords 330.376.0359

#### OUR COUNSELORS CAN HELP ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING:

- Rental agreements
- Security Deposits
- Landlord/Tenant Duties
- Repairs
- Eviction notices, and
- · Anything else you need to know about renting.

Fair Housing Contact Service does not provide legal advice. We provide information on the Ohio Landlord-Tenant Law. Nothing in this brochure is intended as legal advice. Please contact an attorney for assistance if you require legal advice.

## WE ALSO OFFER:

- Informative Booklets:
  - Tenant/Landlord Handbook
  - A Tenant's Guide to Repairs
  - Security Deposits
  - What Fair Housing Means for People with Disabilities
- Professional Training
- Membership