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Who We Are...

The Mission of the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission is to eliminate and prevent unlawful discrimination in: **Employment** on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, and disability; **Housing** on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability; and **Public Accommodations** on the basis of race, color, national origin, and religion thereby promoting harmony and the betterment of human affairs for all citizens.

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FIRST FRIDAY FACTS

Familial Status: Pregnancy & Fair Housing

What Is “Familial Status” Discrimination in Housing?

The South Carolina Human Affairs Commission investigates complaints of housing discrimination in addition to employment discrimination complaints. Pregnant women are protected from discrimination under the basis of “*familial status*” based on the Fair Housing Law (FHL) of South Carolina.

“Familial status” protects all children under 18, plus pregnant tenants

Familial Status means one or more individuals (*who have not reached the age of 18 years*) being domiciled (*placed in a residence*) with a parent, or another person having legal custody of such individual(s). The protections shall apply to any person who is pregnant or is in the process of securing legal custody of any individual who is under 18.

All families with children are protected by the FHL against familial status discrimination, including single-parent households and same-sex couples with children.

HUD’s examples of familial status cases are:

- Refusing to rent to families with children.
- Evicting families once a child joins the family through, e.g. birth, adoption or custody.
- Requiring families with children to live on Specific floors or in specific buildings.
- Housing advertisements stating that children are prohibited.

If you have questions about housing complaints or fair housing laws, please contact our office.

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Familial Status covers the following:

*Families with children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians

*Pregnant women

*People securing custody of children under the age of 18

This means, for instance, that a landlord can’t decide to evict a tenant simply because they find out she’s pregnant.

Familial Status Housing Discrimination

Under the Fair Housing Law, familial status discrimination occurs when a landlord, property manager, real estate agent, or property owner treats someone differently because they have a family with one or more individuals who are under 18 years of age.

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