

# CITY OF HERMITAGE, PA

## Fair Housing Educational Guide



*An educational guide for identifying, reporting and preventing housing discrimination.*

### Purpose

To ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals.

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### Analysis of Impediments

Know your rights under federal and state laws regarding discrimination. Impediments are discriminatory actions taken which restrict one's access to housing.

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice:

- **PA DCED**

## Laws & Rights

Learn more about federal and state Fair Housing laws.

- [Pennsylvania Human Relations Act](#)
- [Ethnic Intimidation](#)
- [Fair Housing Act](#)

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## Affordable Housing Options

According to HUD, households paying in excess of 30% of their household income towards housing costs (renter or owner) are said to be cost burdened. Know what assistance programs are out there for housing affordability, temporary shelter, utilities, and weatherization.

- **Affordable Housing Programs**
  - [Rental Assistance](#)
  - [Homeownership Assistance](#)
  - [Find Shelter](#)
- [Weatherization](#)
- [Utility Assistance Resources](#)
- [County Assistance Information](#)

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## Housing Quality

Home repair and maintenance assistance programs to improve health and safety Recovery and Revitalization programs for flood areas Tenant rights – did you know it is illegal to retaliate against a person for filing a discriminatory complaint?

Know your Tenant Rights through the pandemic.

- [Tenant Rights](#)
- [Coronavirus Resources for Renters](#)

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## Bias & Discrimination

Criminal acts and discrimination based on race, color, religion or national origin, or low income could limit access to Fair Housing.

- [Bias and Hate Crimes](#)
- [Coronavirus Resources](#)
- [PA Fair Housing Centers](#)
- [Training & Education](#)

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## Financial Literacy

Financial aid resources and counseling programs:

- [HUD Homeowner Counseling Resources](#)
- [PA Housing Finance Agency](#)

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## Lack of Access to Opportunities

Persons with disabilities have a right to request reasonable accommodations.

- [Universal Accessibility Standards](#)
- [Fair Housing Equal Opportunity for Disabilities](#)

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## Filing a Complaint

- [Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission](#)
- [Fair Housing Equal Opportunity](#)

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