

Protected Classes

A group of people with a common characteristic who are legally protected from housing discrimination on the basis of that characteristic.

Protected classes are created by federal, state, and local law. In Maryland, all of the federal protected classes apply: **Color, Familial Status, National Origin, Disability, Race, Religion, and Sex**, along with the following state protected classes: **Marital Status, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity**.

In addition, the classes listed below are protected from discrimination in the following local jurisdictions:

Age

Anne Arundel County
Baltimore City
Cambridge
Hagerstown
Rockville
Baltimore County
Harford County
Howard County
Montgomery County
Prince George's County

Ancestry

Anne Arundel County
Baltimore City
Cambridge
Rockville
Montgomery County

Citizenship

Anne Arundel County
Annapolis
Prince George's County

Family Responsibility

Montgomery County

Source of Income

Anne Arundel County
Annapolis
Baltimore City
Baltimore County
City of Frederick
Frederick County
Howard County
Montgomery County
Prince George's County

Occupation

Anne Arundel County
Harford County
Howard County
Prince George's County

Personal Appearance

Harford County
Howard County
Prince George's County

Political Opinion

Harford County
Howard County
Prince George's County

Presence of Children

Rockville
Montgomery County

If you are experiencing discrimination in housing, please contact the Fair Housing Action Center of Maryland by visiting our website:

fairhousingmd.org

