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Virginia's Fair Housing Office Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Virginia's Fair Housing Office at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The office was created with the passage of Virginia's Fair Housing Law in 1972, just four years after the passage of the federal Fair Housing Act in 1968.

For half a century, Virginia's Fair Housing Office has worked to ensure that buyers, sellers, tenants, landlords and all citizens in the Commonwealth are educated about Virginia's Fair Housing Law. The law prohibits discriminatory practices with respect to residential housing to protect the peace, health, safety, prosperity, and general welfare of all Virginians.

The Virginia Fair Housing Office remains committed to working with private and public partners to identify housing barriers and provide equal opportunities for thousands of Virginians to live in affordable housing. In addition, the office offers free training classes to raise awareness and educate property owners, real estate agents, landlords and the public about their legal rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Law.



Fair Housing Law - 12 Protected Classes

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- National Origin
- Sex
- Elderliness
- Familial Status
- Disability
- Sexual Orientation
- Source of Funds
- Gender Identity
- Military Status

More information about the Virginia Fair Housing Office and its resources can be found here:
<https://www.dpor.virginia.gov/FairHousing>

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