

Fair Housing

The City of Northfield adopted a local fair housing policy, affirming the city's commitment to further fair housing for all residents.

Northfield Fair Housing Statement

The City of Northfield is an open, safe, and welcoming community.

The City, its Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Economic Development Authority is committed to being an inclusive community for all. This statement affirms a commitment to further fair housing and to promote appropriate activities by private and public entities to provide and advocate for equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of the City of Northfield.

The federal Fair Housing Act (1968) makes it illegal to consider race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, or family status in rental, sales, or lending decisions. The Minnesota Human Rights Law also makes it illegal to discriminate based on creed, sexual or affectional orientation, marital status or receipt of public assistance. Fair housing means fair housing for all.

Federal Fair Housing Act

The Federal Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they are renting or buying a home, getting a mortgage, seeking housing assistance, or engaging in other housing-related activities.

The Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:

- Race or color.
- National origin.
- Religion.
- Sex.
- Familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians; pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18).
- Handicap (disability).

[Housing discrimination under the Fair Housing Act – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#)

Minnesota Human Rights Act

The Minnesota Human Rights Act (Statute 363A) mirrors the federal legislation. Additionally, it prohibits discrimination based on:

- Sexual or affectional orientation.
- Marital status.
- Creed.
- Status with regard to receipt of public assistance.

[View Minnesota's state statutes on human rights](#)

Resources

[Report a housing concern](#)

[Law Help Minnesota](#)

[Help with Housing – Minnesota Department of Human Services](#)

Local HUD <https://www.hud.gov/states/minnesota>

[U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)

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