

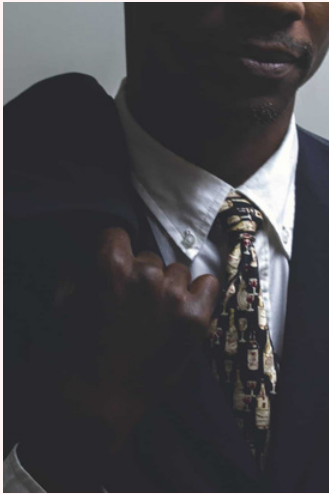
ELKHART HUMAN RELATIONS

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HOUSING DISCRIMINATION CAN TAKE MANY FORMS. HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES

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DISCRIMINATION ISN'T ALWAYS OBVIOUS

JOHN, WHO IS A BLACK MAN, SPEAKS TO A PROSPECTIVE LANDLORD ON THE PHONE ABOUT LEASING AN APARTMENT. ON THE PHONE, THE LANDLORD SEEMS EAGER TO RENT TO JOHN, BUT WHEN JOHN MEETS WITH THE LANDLORD IN PERSON TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION, THE LANDLORD'S ATTITUDE IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT.

A FEW DAYS LATER, JOHN RECEIVES A LETTER SAYING THAT HIS APPLICATION WAS DENIED BECAUSE OF A NEGATIVE REFERENCE FROM HIS CURRENT LANDLORD. JOHN IS SURPRISED BECAUSE HE NEVER HAD PROBLEMS WITH HIS LANDLORD, AND HIS LANDLORD SWEARS SHE WAS NEVER CONTACTED FOR A REFERENCE. JOHN SUSPECTS THAT THE REAL REASON HE WAS DENIED THE APARTMENT WAS BECAUSE HE IS BLACK, SO JOHN FILES A COMPLAINT WITH HUD.

HUD INVESTIGATES AND IT TURNS OUT JOHN IS RIGHT – THE LANDLORD'S FILES SHOW A PATTERN OF DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF RACE AND COLOR.

ACCESSIBILITY IN HOUSING UNITS

TOM, A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO USES A WHEELCHAIR, VIEWS A CONDOMINIUM HE IS HOPING TO PURCHASE IN A NEW MULTISTORY BUILDING. WHEN TOM ARRIVES, HE FINDS THERE ARE NO ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES IN THE BUILDING'S PARKING LOT.

TOM ASKS FOR A PARKING SPACE THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE BUILDING. TOM'S REQUEST IS DENIED.

JOHN FILES A COMPLAINT WITH HUD BECAUSE FAILING TO COMPLY WITH ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS IS A FORM OF DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION.



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RULES AGAINST CHILDREN ARE DISCRIMINATORY

TINA HAS THREE TEENAGE CHILDREN. TINA'S BUILDING HAS A PATIO WITH PICNIC TABLES, AND ONE DAY TINA'S CHILDREN DECIDE TO HAVE LUNCH THERE WITH SOME OF THEIR FRIENDS. THE NEXT DAY, TINA RECEIVES A NOTICE FROM THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INFORMING HER THAT THE BUILDING RULES SAY THAT THE PATIO IS FOR ADULT-USE ONLY AND THAT SHE NEEDS TO MAKE SURE HER CHILDREN DO NOT VIOLATE THE BUILDING RULES.

TINA FILES A COMPLAINT WITH HUD BECAUSE BUILDING RULES THAT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST CHILDREN ARE A FORM OF FAMILIAL STATUS DISCRIMINATION.



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