



Diversity Committee Resource Guide

Bucks County Human Relations Council

Provides information on how to file a complaint of discrimination under the PA Human Relations Act; provides information about resources available in Bucks County to assist with discrimination and to promote diversity.

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Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, or PHRC, enforces state laws that prohibit discrimination: the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, which covers discrimination in employment, housing, commercial property, education and public accommodations; and the Pennsylvania Fair Educational Opportunities Act, which is specific to postsecondary education and secondary vocational and trade schools.

In general, PA law prohibits discrimination based on race; color; religious creed; ancestry; age (40 and over); sex; national origin; familial status (only in housing); handicap or disability and the use, handling or training of support or guide animals for disability. Retaliation for filing a complaint, opposing unlawful behavior or assisting investigations is also illegal.

PHRC investigates employment discrimination complaints on behalf of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or EEOC, and housing discrimination complaints on behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or HUD. These partnerships protect the rights of complainants under both state and federal law. Harrisburg Regional Office.

Philadelphia Regional Office

110 North 8th St., Suite 501

Philadelphia, PA 19107

215-560-2496

<http://www.phrc.pa.gov/File-A-Complaint/Pages/default.aspx>

333 Market Street, 8th Floor

Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

717-787-9780

www.phrc.state.pa.us

Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission Resources <http://www.phrc.pa.gov/Resources/Pages/>

The Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania (formerly Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia)

Leads the effort to eliminate housing discrimination through education, advocacy, and enforcement of fair housing laws. The Housing Equality Center's service area includes the Pennsylvania counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton and Philadelphia. Can offer advice regarding the Fair Housing Act, housing discrimination, legal rights & disabilities in regards to rental housing. Can investigate and answer variety of questions at no charge.

455 Maryland Drive, Suite 190

Fort Washington, PA 19034

Jim Berry, Executive Director
Mail: PO BOX 558, Fort Washington, PA 19034
866-540-FAIR | 267-419-8918
Website: <http://www.equalhousing.org/>
Email: info@equalhousing.org

Bucks County Housing Group

Bucks County Housing Group is a private, non-profit social service organization which provides a wide range of housing and related social services to homeless and low-medium income families. The primary goal is to assist families in attaining permanent housing and financial security.

626 Jacksonville Road, Suite 140
Warminster, PA 18974
Main: 215-394-8259 Fax: 267-803-6967
Website: www.bchg.org
Email: info@bchg.org

Bucks County Housing Authority

The Bucks County Housing Authority (BCHA) provides affordable public housing for eligible senior citizens, families, and disabled people. They have developments throughout Bucks County in Bristol, Bensalem, Doylestown Township, Perkasié, Sellersville, Telford, and Quakertown. The Authority also serves as the administrator of the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV), also known as Section 8, which provides housing for over 2,500 individuals or families throughout Bucks County in housing owned by private landlords.

Section 8: The Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) is a federally funded program to assist very low-income families, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Families or individuals are free to find their own housing with participating landlords, whether in single-family homes, townhouses, or apartments.

Applicants are free to choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program. The selected housing option must meet minimum standards of health and safety as determined by the Bucks County Housing Authority (BCHA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Bucks County Housing Authority
350 South Main Street, Suite 205, Doylestown, PA 18901
215.348.9469 (phone) | 215.348.7140 (fax)
<http://buckscountyhousingauthority.org/>

Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County

Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions.

31 Oak Avenue, Suite 100
Chalfont, PA 18914
Rehab. work & building of new homes
215-822-2812 x 307
Website: www.habitatbucks.org

Langhorne
1337 East Lincoln Highway
Levittown, PA 19056
Phone: 215.596.4705

Bucks County Housing Link - 1-800-810-4434

Resources for families experiencing a housing crisis such as homelessness or eviction.