

3 TIPS

TO KEEP YOUR CRIMINAL HISTORY FROM AFFECTING YOUR RENTAL APPLICATION

Be Informed, Be Empowered



A landlord who bans everyone with a criminal record may be violating the Fair Housing Act. If you think you've been treated unfairly, contact the Fair Housing agency listed below.

Tell Your Story



How long has it been since you committed a crime? What have you done since then? Are you working or trying to care for family? Get letters of support from your boss, pastor, or parole officer.

Know The Facts



Having a stable home helps people who were in prison avoid committing more crimes. As time goes by after their release and as they get older, they are less likely to get involved in crime.

**Are you concerned you have experienced
discrimination?**

Contact one of the organizations on the next page

Most counties have [Criminal Justice Advisory Boards](#) made up of government and nonprofit agencies working to help individuals involved in the criminal justice system.

<p><u>Summit Legal Services Fair Housing Law Center</u> 10 West Cherry Avenue Washington, PA 15301 P: (724) 225-6170 F: 724-250-1078 https://fhlaw.org/</p> <p>Hotline: 1-877-725-4472</p> <p><u>Serving These Counties:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Armstrong• Beaver• Bedford	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blair• Butler• Cambria• Cameron• Centre• Clarion• Clearfield• Crawford• Elk• Erie• Fayette• Forest• Greene	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Huntingdon• Indiana• Jefferson• Lawrence• McKean• Mercer• Potter• Somerset• Venango• Warren• Washington• Westmoreland
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<p><u>Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania</u> PO BOX 558 Fort Washington, PA 19034 Hotline: 866-540-FAIR P: 267-419-8918 https://equalhousing.org</p>	<p><u>Serving These Counties:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bucks• Chester• Delaware	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lehigh• Montgomery• Northampton• Philadelphia
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<p><u>The Housing Equality & Equity Institute at Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership</u> 308 E. King Street Lancaster, PA 17602 ONLY Lancaster County P: 717-291-9945 F: 717-291-9850 https://wearetenfold.org/</p>

<p><u>Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern PA</u> 444 N 3rd Street, Suite 110 Philadelphia, PA 19123 P: 215-625-0700 F: 215-625-0705 https://fairhousingrights.org</p> <p><u>Serving These Counties:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Berks• Bucks• Chester• Cumberland• Dauphin• Delaware• Lancaster• Lebanon• Lehigh• Montgomery• Perry• Philadelphia• Schuylkill• York
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<p><u>The Fair Housing Council of the Capital Region</u> 2100 North 6th Street Harrisburg, PA 17110 P: 717-238-9540 https://pafairhousing.org</p>	<p><u>Serving These Counties:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cumberland• Dauphin
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<p><u>Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh, Inc.</u> 2840 Liberty Avenue, Suite 205 Pittsburgh, PA 15222 P: 412-391-2535 F: 412-391-2647 https://pittsburghfairhousing.org</p>	<p>Serving ALL 67 counties</p>
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