

# THE “ACT” IN ACTION:

## *Fair Housing in Anne Arundel County*

The **Office of Equity & Human Rights** and **Arundel Community Development Services** partnered with the **Equal Rights Center** to test the rental housing market in Anne Arundel County for housing discrimination. Tests focused on disability, race, source of income, and national origin.

From March 2023 to February 2024, the Equal Rights Center conducted 70 tests, of 65 properties, managed by 53 housing providers across the County. Here is what they found.



### TEST

### METHOD

### OUTCOME

25

Source of  
Income

Phone

- 20% showed evidence of discrimination

25

Disability

Phone

- 20% showed evidence of discrimination

10

Race

In-Person

- No evidence of discrimination
- Subtle differences in treatment recorded

10

National Origin

In-Person

- 20% showed evidence of discrimination

## OPPORTUNITY AREAS



Service Animals  
Accessible Parking  
Voucher Programs

## FAIR HOUSING IS THE LAW

In Anne Arundel County, it is illegal to discriminate in housing on the basis of age, ancestry, citizenship, color, creed, disability, familial status, gender identity or expression, marital status, national origin, occupation, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or source of income.



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