

Renting a living space is something that almost everyone will do at some point in their life. In most cases, your rental experience will come without incident, but in case it does here is who you should contact regarding landlord/tenant issues.

DISCRIMINATION

Federal and state laws prohibit discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status, marital status, financial status, or disability. In addition, it is a violation of state law to be discriminated on the basis of age (40 or older), marital status or status with respect to public assistance.

If you feel your rights have been violated, you can contact

- Department of Housing and Urban Development, 800-669-9777
- Department of Labor and Human Rights Division, 800-582-8032
- High Plains Fair Housing Center, 866-380-3738

DISPUTES

For help settling a dispute, or questions about a lease, tenants can contact Legal Services of North Dakota, a non-profit law firm that provides legal advice and representation to low income and elderly North Dakotans.

- Central Intake, 800-634-5263
- Senior Hotline (Ages 60+), 866-621-9886

The Small Claims Court provides tenants with an inexpensive and informal way to resolve disputes without needing an attorney. Visit www.ndcourts.gov to download the Small Claims packet located on the forms page.

MORE INFORMATION

The North Dakota attorney general and the North Dakota Apartment Association also have information regarding tenant rights and responsibilities available at

www.ag.nd.gov/Brochures/FactSheet/TenantRights.pdf and www.ndaa.net/index.php/landlordtenant-rights

