

# FAIR HOUSING LAWS

- **Fair Housing Act** - Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, amended in 1988, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under the age of 18), and handicap (disability).
- The **NC State Fair Housing Act** is substantially equivalent to the federal Fair Housing Act.
- The 1990 **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in government-funded programs including housing programs and mandates that rental offices and other on-site businesses used by the public be accessible to persons with disabilities.
- The **Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 503)** prohibits discrimination in federally-funded housing programs.

