

Are you compliant?



Welcome to the inaugural edition of MHI's Fair Housing Update.

Nationally, MHI is seeing an uptick in fair housing complaints against manufactured home communities. Fair Housing testers are working in your state right now in search of

violations.

Let's face it, planning for compliance won't do you much good after a complaint has been filed against you. Now is the time to get your policies, procedures and best practices in order.

Over the next year, MHI's General Counsel will be presenting seminars at many state association annual meet-



ings on the topic.

Additionally, MHI is starting this newsletter on fair housing issues.

Once a month, we will address fair housing issues facing community owners across the nation. More importantly, we'll give you practical tips on best practices for compliance with federal state and local laws.

Compliance with fair housing laws requires community owners to take a very close look at their entire operation. And if done properly, it's good business.

Got a question or a topic you'd like to see addressed?

Send it to robinson@mfgHOME.org.



In the February 2016 Fair Housing Update, we'll discuss fair housing policies for community owners.



Fair Housing involves more than just the Feds

Perhaps the best place to start for this first issue is — well — the beginning.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 makes it illegal to discriminate in any type of housing based upon race, color, religion,

sex, national origin, disability or familial status.

But your compliance inquiry should not stop there. State and local jurisdictions add additional categories like: age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital

status, source of income, ancestry, politics, and veterans.

Make sure your community has a fair housing policy that addresses all the appropriate classes — federal, state and local.

If you know of anyone who'd like to be included in this monthly update, please send an email to MHI's General Counsel, Rick Robinson (rrobinson@mfgHOME.org)