



Federal Resource Community Guide

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614 469-5715

Airport Security

To reduce the likelihood of mistaken identity when going through airport security, you can obtain a redress number from the Transportation Security Administration. The process is explained at http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1169673653081.shtm. If you feel you've been discriminated against by TSA, contact the Homeland Security Office of Civil Right and Civil Liberties at **202 401-1474**.

Crimes against you

Contact your local FBI field office to report incidents of:

- Hate crimes such as crimes committed because of religion, race, color, or national origin;
- Excessive force or other Constitutional violations by persons acting as law enforcement officials or public officials;
- Force or threats to interfere with the exercise of religious beliefs and destruction, defacing, or damage of religious property; or,
- Force or threats to interfere with the right to vote based on race, color, national origin, or religion.

The website for the local FBI office is <http://www.fbi.gov/cincinnati>. You can call the Columbus FBI office at **614 224-1183**.

Please include as many details of the incident as possible, such as the dates and times; names of possible witnesses; and supporting documents, such as police and medical reports, or photographs.

Disability Rights

You can file an Americans with Disabilities Act complaint alleging disability discrimination against a State or local government or a public accommodation (including, for example, a restaurant, doctor's office, retail store, hotel, etc.) by mail or e-mail. To learn more about filing an ADA complaint, visit www.ada.gov/fact_on_complaint.htm. To schedule an appointment for an oral complaint, call the ADA Information Line at **800 514-0301**.

Educational Opportunities

If you believe you have been discriminated against by an educational institution, please contact the Department of Justice Educational Opportunities Section by telephone at **202 514-4092** or **877 292-3804** (toll-free), by Fax at **202 514-8337**, or by letter at the following address:

U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,
Educational Opportunities Section, PHB,
Washington, D.C. 20530

Employment Discrimination

Federal law prohibits discrimination, including harassment and retaliation, based on race, sex, color, religion, and national origin. If you believe you have been unlawfully denied an employment opportunity or otherwise discriminated against by an employer in violation of Title VII, you should contact the **Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)**. The EEOC may be contacted by calling **800 669-4000** or 800 669-6820 (TTY). Get more information at <http://www.eeoc.gov/facts/howtofil.html>

Housing Discrimination

Individuals who believe that they have been victims of housing discrimination may file a complaint with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/housing_discrimination or file their own lawsuit in federal or state court. You must file the complaint with HUD within one year of the incident you believe to be housing discrimination. You have two years to file your own lawsuit in federal court. You can call the Office of Fair Housing at **800 669-9777**.

Voting

You can register a complaint, comment or send an email message to the Department of Justice Voting Section at voting.section@usdoj.gov. Please visit http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/vot/misc/contacts_tag1.php to find out more or call **800 253-3931**.