

## **Wells County Discrimination Complaint Procedure**

Any person who believes that he or she as a member of a protected class, has been discriminated against based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, religion, low income status, or Limited English Proficiency in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and its related statutes, regulations and directives, Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, as amended, and any other Federal nondiscrimination statute may submit a complaint. A complaint may also be submitted by a representative on behalf of such a person.

It is the policy of Wells County to conduct a prompt and impartial investigation of all allegations of discrimination and to take prompt effective corrective action when a claim of discrimination is substantiated.

No one may intimidate, threaten, coerce or engage in other discriminatory conduct against anyone because they have taken action or participated in an action to secure rights protected by the civil rights laws. Any individual alleging such harassment or intimidation may submit a complaint by following the procedure printed below.

Any individual who feels that he or she has been discriminated against may submit a written or verbal complaint. The complaint may be communicated to any Wells County supervisor or to the Wells County Title VI Coordinator. The complaint should be submitted within 180 days of the alleged discrimination. Complaint forms may be found in the Wells County Auditor's office or on Wells County Auditor's website at: <http://www.wellscounty.org/auditor.htm>. Individuals are not required to use the Wells County's complaint form. If necessary, Wells County's Title VI Coordinator will help an individual reduce his or her complaint to writing for his or her signature.

Generally a complaint should include the name, address and telephone number of the individual complaining (complainant) and a brief description of the alleged discriminatory conduct including the date of harm. An individual submitting a complaint alleging discrimination may include any relevant evidence, including the names of witnesses and supporting documentation.

### **Complaints should be directed to Wells County Title VI Coordinator:**

Title VI Coordinator's Name:	Roy R. Johnson
Mailing Address:	222 West Market Street, Bluffton, IN 46714
Phone Number:	(260) 824-0500
Email Address:	royrjohnson@adamswells.com

Within 60 days of the receipt of the complaint Wells County will conduct an investigation of the allegation based on the information provided and issue a written report of its findings to the

complainant. Wells County will try to obtain an informal voluntary resolution to all complaints at the lowest level possible.

A complainant's identity shall be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to conduct an investigation. All complaints shall be kept confidential.

These procedures do not deny the right of any individual to file a formal complaint with any government agency or affect an individual's right to seek private counsel for any complaint alleging discrimination.

Complaints may also be filed with the following government agencies:

Indiana Department of Transportation  
Economic Opportunity Division  
100 N. Senate Ave., Room N750  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Phone: (317)233-6511  
Fax: (317)233-0891

Indianapolis District EEOC Office  
101 West Ohio Street, Ste 1900  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Phone: (800)669-4000  
Fax: (317)226-7953  
TTY: (800)669-6820

Indiana Civil Rights Commission  
100 N. Senate Ave., Room N103  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Toll Free: 1(800)628-2909  
Phone: (317)232-2600  
Fax: (317)232-6560  
Hearing Impaired: 1(800)743-3336