

Housing Discrimination is Illegal. Know Your Rights!

Where you live affects every part of your life. Discrimination should not stop you from living where you choose.

In Connecticut, it is illegal to deny anyone housing because of their:

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Sex
- Ancestry
- Religion
- Family Status or Presence of Children
- Disability
- Marital Status
- Age (except minors)
- Sexual Orientation
- Gender Identity or Expression
- Veteran Status
- Legal Source of Income (for example, refusing to accept Section 8 vouchers)



The Connecticut Fair Housing Center is a nonprofit organization working to ensure that all people have equal access to housing opportunities, free from discrimination.

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What does discrimination look like?

Housing discrimination - denying someone housing or treating them differently because they are a member of one of the groups listed on the front - is illegal in the rental, sales, financing, or insuring of a home. Here are some examples:

- **Misrepresenting availability:** A landlord or real estate agent tells you that an apartment or home is not available when it is
- **Refusing to rent or sell:** A landlord or real estate agent refuses to rent or sell to you
- **Different terms & conditions:** You are given different terms or rules than others (i.e., requiring a family with children to pay a larger security deposit)
- **Discriminatory advertising:** Indicating preferences or limitations for certain groups of people in housing ads
- **Use of threats, harassment (including sexual), intimidation, or coercion:** Someone attempts to prevent you from renting or buying a home by suggesting you won't be safe or welcome there - or harasses you after you move in
- **Refusing to make reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities.**

Have you experienced housing discrimination?

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