

FAIR HOUSING BARRIERS FACED BY LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

PROHIBITIONS

The Fair Housing Act prohibits landlords and housing providers from discriminating against anyone based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.



PROTECTIONS

This law ensures that individuals are not treated unfairly based on their sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity).



HUD EQUAL ACCESS RULE

HUD's Equal Access Rule also provides protections for sexual orientation, gender identity, and marital status.



Despite these provisions, members of the LGBTQIA+ community continue to face barriers to safe and affordable housing.

Some examples of how these barriers show up in a search for housing are:

- A housing provider may refuse to rent to a same-sex couple compared to a heterosexual couple.
- Landlords may charge a greater rent or sales price for same-sex couples compared to heterosexual couples.
- A same-sex couple requests a real estate agent to show them rental properties around the city, but they are only provided options in a neighborhood with a high LGBTQIA+ population.

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

If you have experienced housing discrimination, file a report! Contact the Connecticut Fair Housing Center!



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