

# 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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