
Housing discrimination is illegal throughout the state of Connecticut. It is against the law to deny anyone housing based on:

- **Race**
- **Color**
- **National Origin**
- **Sex**
- **Ancestry**
- **Religion**
- **Children or Family Status**
- **Mental or physical disability**
- **Marital Status**
- **Age (except minors)**
- **Sexual Orientation**
- **Legal Source of Income**

Where you live affects every part of your life. It will determine where you shop, where you work, and where your children go to school. If you are prevented from living in the neighborhood you choose because of discrimination, report it!!!! Illegal practices hurt everyone.

The Connecticut Fair Housing Center is a private, non-profit fair housing organization providing education, counseling and free legal services for anyone who has been illegally denied housing.

The Connecticut Fair Housing Center has been working with the people of Connecticut since 1994 to end both subtle and blatant forms of discrimination.

**Call The Connecticut
Fair Housing Center
toll-free:

1-888-247-4401**

**ARE ALL HOUSING PROVIDERS
COVERED BY THE DISCRIMINATION
LAWS?**

No. There are some exemptions to the law. In Connecticut, these types of housing are exempt from the law:

- owner-occupied two family houses, if the owner is trying to rent one unit;
- owner-occupied rooming houses if the owner is trying to rent a room;
- owner-occupied four family houses, if the owner does not want to rent to families with children or to people who are gay;
- single-family homes if owner owns fewer than three such homes.

However, there may be other laws which apply to a particular landlord or owner, so always call the Connecticut Fair Housing Center if you have a question about exemptions.

**WHAT DOES DISCRIMINATION
LOOK LIKE?**

Housing discrimination can take many forms. Some common forms include:

Misrepresenting the availability of housing: A landlord, owner, or real estate agent tells you that the apartment, house, or condominium is not available, when in fact it has not been rented or sold.

Refusals to rent or sell: A landlord or real estate professional refuses to rent or sell to you because you are a member of one of the protected groups listed on page one of this brochure.

Discrimination in terms and conditions: You are given different terms or rules than others because you are a member of one of the protected groups listed on page one of this brochure.

Discriminatory Advertising: Any written statement in a newspaper or oral statement that indicates preferences or limitations for certain people. This includes any ad or brochure that is created by the owner of the property.

Use of threats, intimidation or coercion: Someone attempts to prevent you from renting or buying a house in a neighborhood by suggesting that you will not be safe or that neighbors may not want you to move in.

If you or someone you know has experienced housing discrimination call the Connecticut Fair Housing Center now.

We will:

- **take down information about what happened;**
- **investigate any complaint we receive;**
- **offer advice and counseling about the fair housing laws;**
- **provide free legal representation to the victims of housing discrimination.**

If there is evidence of discrimination, the Connecticut Fair Housing Center will help you file a complaint with the proper agency or refer you to another attorney to file a lawsuit.

Our services are absolutely free and available to anyone who has experienced housing discrimination.

If a complaint is resolved in your favor, you may be awarded money for any damages you suffered. It may also be possible for you to move into the housing you were denied.

Most importantly, the Connecticut Fair Housing Center will try to make sure that what happened to you will not happen to anyone else!!

The work of the Connecticut Fair Housing Center does not stop with people who experience discrimination. We work to educate everyone about their rights and responsibilities under the fair housing laws and to bring communities together to strengthen the fight against housing discrimination.

The Center serves the community in many ways by:

- conducting education workshops on fair housing issues;
- investigating claims of housing discrimination;
- providing free legal assistance to the victims of housing discrimination;
- working closely with city governments and housing providers on fair housing issues;
- educating all members of the housing provider community on their rights and responsibilities under the fair housing laws.

If you are a member of a protected group listed on page one or you have questions about how the fair housing laws apply to you, contact the Connecticut Fair Housing Center:¹

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**ALL
NEIGHBORHOODS**

WELCOMING

ALL PEOPLE



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Center**

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