



# Sexual Harassment in Housing is Illegal

**Sexual harassment includes when a landlord, property manager, maintenance person, neighbor, or employee or contractor of a housing provider:**

- Touches you in a sexual way
- Talks to you in a sexual way, such as making comments about your body or describing sexual acts
- Demands that you perform a sexual act
- Exposes themselves to you in a sexual way
- Asks you to trade sexual acts for a better apartment, lower rent, new appliances, a housing voucher, or an improved wait list position
- Threatens to evict you, raise the rent, withhold repairs, shut off your water, terminate your voucher, or fail your apartment in an inspection if you don't perform sexual acts
- Threatens you if you tell anyone about being sexually harassed
- Retaliates against you if you refuse to perform sexual acts or if you report being harassed
- Fails to take action if you report being sexually harassed by an employee of the housing provider or by a neighbor.

**Contact the Connecticut Fair Housing Center:**  
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# **You should never have to choose between housing and sexual harassment.**

**If you believe you have experienced sexual harassment at home, the Connecticut Fair Housing Center may be able to help.**

**If you contact us, we will keep your story confidential, answer your questions, and offer free advice and counseling about the fair housing laws.**

**We may also be able to:**

- Investigate your complaint
- Help you file a formal complaint
- Provide free legal representation
- Connect you with other community organizations that may be able to help you.

**We will also try to make sure that what happened to you will not happen to anyone else.**



**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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