



Connecticut
Fair Housing Center

Sexual Harassment in Housing is Illegal

Sexual harassment happens when, for example, someone:

- Makes unwelcome comments about your body or looks, or describes sexual acts
- Touches you without your consent or demands that you perform sexual acts
- Sends you unwelcome sexually suggestive pictures or messages, or exposes themselves

What is sexual harassment in housing?

- Demands for sex or sexual acts in order to buy, rent, or continue renting a home
- Unwelcome sexual conduct that makes it difficult to keep living in or feel safe in your home

In housing, it includes, for example, a landlord, property manager, maintenance worker, or employee or contractor of a housing provider:

- Asking you to trade sexual acts for a better apartment, lower rent, new appliances, a housing voucher, improved wait list position etc.
- Threatening to evict you, raise the rent, withhold repairs, or terminate your voucher etc. if you refuse to perform sexual acts
- Failing to address reported sexual harassment in housing or retaliating against you if you tell anyone about being sexually harassed

Contact the Connecticut Fair Housing Center:

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You should never have to choose between housing and being free of sexual harassment

If you believe you have experienced sexual harassment in housing, 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 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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