What is fair housing?

Fair housing laws protect you from housing discrimination based on your protected class status, such as race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability.

Fair Housing protects people from discrimination when engaging in housing-related activities, including:



applying for a mortgage



hiring a real estate agent



print & digital advertisements



requesting accommodations



viewing an apartment



getting an appraisal



seeking a home insurance policy



and much more.



south suburban housing center

A Regional Fair Housing Enforcement & HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agency

708-957-4674

Spanish-Speaking Line: Ext. 104

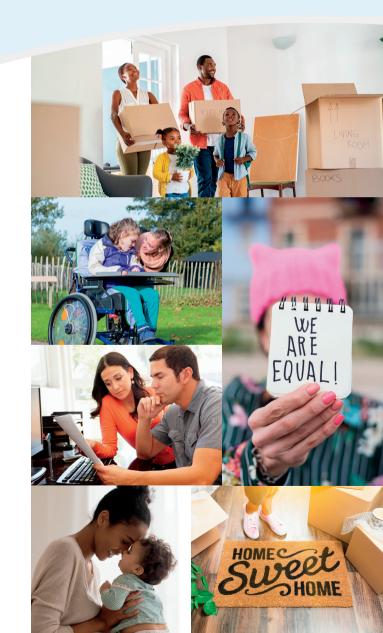
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Housing Discrimination Reporting Guidebook

Information on Federal, State, & Cook County Protections



FEDERAL

| Protected Classes: | Race Color Religion Sex (incl. sexual harassment) National Origin Disability Familial Status | Protected Classes: | Race Color Religion Sex (incl. sexual harassment) National Origin Ancestry Age Disability Marital Status Familial Status Sexual Orientation (incl. gender identity) Source of Income Pregnancy Unfavorable Military Discharge Military Status Order of Protection Status |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|
| Contact: | https://HUD.gov/fairhousing 1-800-669-9777 1-800-877-8339 (TTY) | Contact: | https://www2.illinois.gov/dhr (312) 814-6200 (866) 740-3953 (TTY) |
| Geographic Area: | Housing located within U.S. or U.S. territories | Geographic Area: | Residential and commercial re estate transactions in Illinois |
| Time to File: | Must file within one year of the alleged violation | Time to File: | Must file within one year of the alleged violation |
| Who Can Be Sued? | Most residential housing owners (with some exceptions*), sales and rental agents, builders, lenders, and appraisers, municipalities, and advertisers. | Who Can Be Sued? | Most persons engaging in cor or residential real estate trans including real estate brokers, agents, builders, lenders, app municipalities, advertisers, etc |
| What Relief is Available? | Make Whole Damages: • moving expenses • rent differentials • emotional distress Punitive Damages Fines to Agency Injunctive Relief: • emergency relief • order to: • cease eviction • order to sell • order to rent | What Relief is Available? | Make Whole Damages: • moving expenses • rent differentials • emotional distress Fines to State Injunctive Relief: • emergency relief • order to: • cease eviction • order to sell • order to rent Attorney Fees and Costs |

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Attorney Fees and Costs to prevailing complainant

ILLINOIS

Illinois Department of . Human Rights (IDHR)

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Cook County Commission on Human Relations (CCCHR)

| Race | Protected | Race |
|---|------------------|---|
| Color | Classes: | Color |
| Religion | | Religion |
| Sex | | Sex |
| (incl. sexual harassment) | | (incl. sexual harassment) |
| National Origin | | National Origin |
| Ancestry | | Ancestry |
| Age | | Age |
| Disability | | Disability |
| Marital Status | | Marital Status |
| Familial Status | | Parental Status |
| Sexual Orientation | | Sexual Orientation |
| (incl. gender identity) | | Gender Identity |
| Source of Income | | Source of Income |
| Pregnancy | | Military Discharge Status |
| Unfavorable | | Criminal History |
| Military Discharge | | Housing Status |
| Military Status | | |
| Order of Protection Status | | |
| order of Protection Status | | |
| https://www2.illinois.gov/dhr | Contact: | https://www.cookcountyil.gov |
| (312) 814-6200 | | (312) 603-1100 |
| (866) 740-3953 (TTY) | | () |
| (886) 748-3333 (111) | | |
| Residential and commercial real | Geographic Area: | Housing located within |
| estate transactions in Illinois | | Cook County |
| | | |
| Must file within one year | Time to File: | Must file within 180 days of |
| of the alleged violation | | the alleged violation |
| of the dileged violation | | |
| Most persons engaging in commercial | Who Can | All persons with right to sell, rent, |
| or residential real estate transactions, | Be Sued? | lease, or sublease any housing unit |
| including real estate brokers, sales | | within Cook County and their agent, |
| agents, builders, lenders, appraisers, | | broker, or other individual working on |
| municipalities, advertisers, etc. | | behalf of any such individual. |
| | | |
| Make Whole Damages: | What Relief is | Make Whole Damages: |
| moving expenses | Available? | moving expenses |
| rent differentials | | rent differentials |
| emotional distress | | emotional distress |
| Fines to State | | Fines to the County |
| Injunctive Relief: | | Injunctive Relief: |
| emergency relief | | emergency relief |
| emergency relief order to: | | order to: |
| | | order to: cease eviction |
| cease eviction order to coll | | order to sell |
| order to sell order to rept | | order to sen order to rent |
| • order to rent | | |
| Attorney Fees and Costs | | Attorney Fees and Costs |
| to prevailing complainant | | to prevailing complainant |
| | | |