

EQUAL HOUSING OPORTUNITY

Do you have a question about
your fair housing rights?

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FAIR HOUSING IS YOR RIGHT

“Making Citizens”



**Fair Housing
for
Immigrants
and
Minorities**

Fair Housing for Immigrants and Minorities

How do fair housing laws affect me, as a Immigrant / Minority?

Fair housing laws protect your rights to equal housing opportunity. For new immigrants, it is important to know that you cannot be discriminated against in housing based on your national origin (nationality or ethnicity). **In fact**, fair housing laws protect everyone from discrimination in housing based on race/ color, religion, national origin, sex/gender, disability (physical and mental), familial status (families with children, pregnant persons or persons obtaining legal custody of child), marital status, age, lawful source of income, sexual orientation. It is illegal for a housing provider to deny you housing or treat you differently based on one of those reasons, under the Federal Fair Housing Act and the Connecticut Fair Housing Law.

How do fair housing laws protect me?

A landlord or housing provider cannot - based on your race, color, religion, national origin, sex/gender, disability, presence of children in the family, or elderliness - refuse you housing (rental or sales) or evicted you; cannot charge you more or treat you differently; cannot limit your housing choices to certain buildings or floors or units; cannot deny you privileges or services (maintenance, use of laundry room, etc.); cannot make discriminatory statements; and cannot harass you. The laws cover most housing, including houses, apartments, mobile homes, and public housing. It is also illegal to discriminate in housing-related lending and insurance.

If I am not a U.S. citizen, am I still protected?

You have fair housing rights, whatever your immigration status may be; U.S.

citizenship is not required. And, it is illegal for a landlord or housing provider to threaten or intimidate you for exercising fair housing rights.

Can a landlord refuse to rent to me because I don ' t speak English?

No - It is illegal for a landlord to deny you housing or discriminate against you based on your national origin characteristics, such as language, customary dress or cultural rituals.

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