

# FAIR HOUSING



EQUAL HOUSING  
OPPORTUNITY

Fair Housing asserts individuals' right to choose where they live. If an individual's act results in a person being denied the right to rent, lease or purchase a home, the individual may have committed unlawful discrimination.

In Connecticut, to deny a person housing based on any of the criteria listed below is illegal:

- Race
- Color
- Ancestry
- National Origin
- Sex
- Religion
- Children or Familial Status
- Mental or Physical Disability
- Age
- Marital Status
- Sexual Orientation
- Lawful Source of Income

Although Fair Housing covers most housing situations, there are some situations that are exempt, such as owner-occupied buildings with 4 units or less, single-family housing sold or rented without the use of a broker and housing operated by organizations and private clubs that limit occupancy to members.

Refer to the summary chart below for more information about federal and state laws related to housing discrimination and the types of properties not covered:

Summary of Housing Discrimination – Federal and State of CT

<http://www.ctfairhousing.org/wp-content/uploads/Summary-Grid-of-Fair-Housing-Laws-5.pdf>

## **Resources**

Connecticut Fair Housing Center  
<http://ctfairhousing.org/>

1-888-247-4401

Housing Education Resource Center (HERC) (860) 296-4242  
<http://www.herc-inc.org/>

State of CT Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities  
(860) 541-3403 or (800) 477-5737 ext. 3403  
[www.state.ct.us/chro](http://www.state.ct.us/chro)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
(860) 240-4800 (Hartford Office)  
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/FHLaws/yourrights.cfm>

### **Informational Documents**

#### **“Equal Opportunity for All” Information**

English: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/forms/files/1686.pdf>

Spanish: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/forms/files/1686-1-FHEO-Spa.pdf>

#### **“Housing Discrimination is Illegal – Known Your Rights!” Brochure**

English:

<http://www.ctfairhousing.org/wp-content/uploads/CFHC-GenBroch-Eng-Jul13-final.pdf>

Spanish:

<http://www.ctfairhousing.org/wp-content/uploads/CFHC-GenBroch-Span-Jul13-R1.pdf>