

WHAT IS THE FAIR HOUSING PROJECT?

Fair housing is the right to choose housing free from unlawful discrimination. Under the federal Fair Housing Act, it's unlawful for a housing provider to discriminate against anyone due to their race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and familial status.

WHO MUST PROVIDE FAIR HOUSING?

- Building owners, landlords and management companies
- Public housing authorities and government agencies
- Real estate agents and home sellers
- Appraisers, mortgage brokers, banks or other lending institutions
- Insurance companies

EXAMPLES OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

Housing discrimination can take many forms and it is not always obvious. For example, it may be unlawful where a housing provider:

- Rents only to individuals who are the same race or religion as the landlord
- Retaliates against you because you complained of housing discrimination
- Refuses to let you build a wheelchair ramp or denies other reasonable accommodations or modifications
- Denies mortgage loans, or charges higher rates, in certain neighborhoods
- Falsely states the apartment is not available
- Refuses to rent to you because the landlord is concerned your children will be too noisy
- Targets you for a foreclosure rescue scheme because of the color of your skin



HOW CAN THE PROJECT HELP ME?

1. We may **negotiate** on your behalf with a landlord or other housing provider.
2. We may **investigate** what you think could be housing discrimination through the use of fair housing testing.
3. We may help you **file a complaint** with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development or The Illinois Department of Human Rights.
4. We may **represent** you if you file a complaint.

CONTACT US

If you or someone you know is a victim of housing discrimination, the Fair Housing Project may be able to help. We will connect you with the PSLS office that serves the county where you live.

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