

What's Protected?

Federal Fair Housing Act:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Sex (including sexual harassment)
- National Origin
- Disability
- Familial Status (children under the age of 18)

Additional Protections Under the Illinois Human Rights Act:

- Ancestry
- Age (40+)
- Marital Status
- Sexual Orientation
- Order of Protection Status
- Unfavorable Military Discharge
- Military Status



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What's Prohibited?

- Refusing to sell or rent, negotiate for sale or rental, or otherwise making unavailable or denying a dwelling because of a person's protected status
- Imposing different terms/conditions because of a person's protected status (i.e. higher rent, or additional security deposit)
- Making discriminatory statements or publishing discriminatory communications. (Note: Certain exemptions do not apply to this prohibition.)
- Lying about the availability of a dwelling because of a person's protected status
- Blockbusting (Refers to the practice of real estate agents frightening homeowners by telling them that people who are members of a particular race, religion, or other protected class are moving into their neighborhood so they will sell at a deflated price)
- Retaliating against, interfering with, or intimidating a person exercising his/her fair housing rights
- Aiding, abetting or compelling a person to violate the Federal Fair Housing Act and the Illinois Human Rights Act



What's Exempted From The Law?

- Owner-occupied 4-unit, or fewer buildings (Federal Law), 2-unit, or fewer buildings (Illinois Law)
- Rental of room in private home
- Rental of rooms to persons of the same sex
- Religious organizations and private clubs
- Reasonable occupancy limits
- Housing for older persons (either 100% over age 62, or 80% age 55 and older)



How Long Do You Have To File A Complaint?

- One (1) year from alleged violation
- Two (2) years if you file directly in Circuit Court



Who Do You Call If You Believe Your Fair Housing Rights Have Been Violated?

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