

CHRO Mission

The mission of the CHRO is to eliminate discrimination through civil and human rights law enforcement and to establish equal opportunity and justice within the state through advocacy and education.

The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities:

Enforces human rights laws that ban illegal discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, and credit transactions

Monitors compliance with state contract compliance laws and with laws requiring affirmative action in state agency personnel practices

Establishes equal opportunity and justice for all persons in Connecticut through education and outreach activities.

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Commission on Human Rights & Opportunities



Housing and Mental Health Discrimination



Fighting discrimination for people with mental health conditions

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Housing discrimination is illegal. Federal and/or state law prohibits discrimination on the basis of:

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| Race | Retaliation (for reporting/opposing discrimination) |
| Color | |
| National Origin | Victim of Domestic Violence |
| Ancestry | |
| Alienage | Familial Status (families with children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians and pregnant women) |
| Creed (Religion) | |
| Disability (physical, mental, intellectual, learning, or perceived) | Veteran Status |
| Age (non-minors) | Lawful Source of Income (income derived from Social Security, SSI, housing assistance such as Section 8, child support, alimony, public or general assistance) |
| Marital Status | |
| Sex (including pregnancy) | |
| Sexual Orientation | |
| Gender identity or expression | |
| Erasure of a criminal conviction (pursuant to Clean Slate statutes) | |

Contact CHRO within 300 days of the discrimination

What types of discrimination can people with mental health conditions face in housing?

Refusal to sell or rent

Refusal to consider Social Security Disability payments as valid income when applying to rent a unit

Eviction

Unfair terms and conditions

A landlord ignoring requests from a disabled tenant while handling the requests of non-disabled tenants

A landlord charging a higher rent to a disabled tenant than a non-disabled tenant

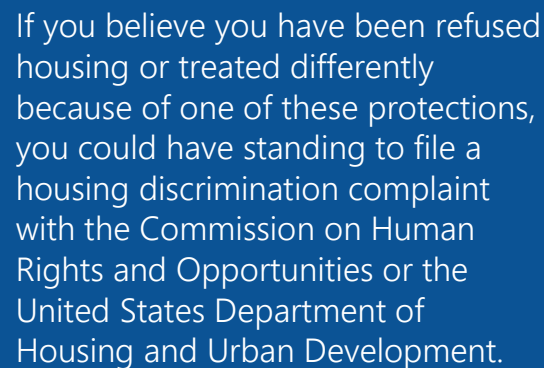
Sexual Harassment

Intimidation, retaliation, and discriminatory harassment by a landlord

Harassment by other tenants

Refusal to allow reasonable physical modifications to a dwelling to accommodate a disability (e.g., installing a grab bar in a bathroom, a chairlift, or a lock on a door)

Refusal to make reasonable changes to rules and practices to accommodate a disability (e.g. allowing an emotional support animal or guide dog in an apartment with a "No pets" policy)



If you believe you have been refused housing or treated differently because of one of these protections, you could have standing to file a housing discrimination complaint with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities or the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

