

CHRO Mission

The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities:

Enforces human rights laws that ban illegal discrimination in employment, housing, 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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Contact Information

CHRO Housing Discrimination Unit
450 Columbus Boulevard
Hartford, CT 06103
(860) 541-3403

Have you experienced discrimination at [work](#), in [public accommodations](#), or [credit transactions](#)?

Call one of our regional offices:

Capitol Regional Office
450 Columbus Boulevard
Hartford, CT 06103
(860) 566-7710

Southwest Region Office
350 Fairfield Avenue 6th Floor
Bridgeport, CT 06604
(203) 579-6246
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West Central Region Office
Rowland State Government Center
55 West Main Street Suite 210
Waterbury, CT 06702
(203) 805-6530
TDD (203) 805-6579

Eastern Region Office
100 Broadway, City Hall
Norwich, CT 06360
(860) 886-5703
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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:

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 (Social Security, SSI, housing assistance such as Section 8, child support, alimony, public or general assistance)
Marital Status	
Sex (including pregnancy)	Victim of sexual assault
Sexual orientation	
Gender identity or expression	Victim of human trafficking
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.

