

**EQUAL JUSTICE  
UNDER THE LAW**

*....."If we are to keep our  
democracy, there must be  
one commandment: thou  
shalt not ration justice."*

*Judge Learned Hand*



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**FAIR  
HOUSING  
IS YOUR  
RIGHT!**

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*....."If you have been  
denied your housing  
rights....you may have  
experienced unlawful  
discrimination"*

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO  
DISCRIMINATE IN  
HOUSING BASED ON THESE  
FACTORS:

- ✓ Age (over 18)
- ✓ Race
- ✓ Color
- ✓ National origin
- ✓ Religion
- ✓ Sex
- ✓ Familial Status (*families with children under the age of 18, or who are expecting a child*)
- ✓ You, or someone close to you, has a mental or physical disability
- ✓ Sexual orientation
- ✓ Gender Identity
- ✓ Marital Status
- ✓ Victims of Domestic Violence (*this includes being threatened and/or seeking a restraining order*)

BASED ON THOSE FACTORS, IT  
IS AGAINST THE LAW TO:

- ✓ Refuse to rent or sell you housing;
- ✓ Tell you housing is unavailable when in fact it is available;
- ✓ Show you apartments or homes only in certain neighborhoods;
- ✓ Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental of housing;
- ✓ Refuse to provide you with information regarding mortgage loans, deny you a mortgage loan, or impose different terms or conditions on a mortgage loan;
- ✓ Harass, coerce, intimidate, or interfere with anyone exercising or assisting someone with their fair housing rights;
- ✓ Conduct property appraisals in a discriminatory manner;
- ✓ Deny you property insurance;
- ✓ Refuse to make certain modifications or accommodations for persons with a mental or physical disability, including persons with HIV/AIDS-related illnesses and persons recovering from alcohol and substance abuse;
- ✓ Fail to design and construct housing in an accessible manner;
- ✓ Advertise a preference or limitation.

IF YOU BELIEVE YOUR  
RIGHTS HAVE BEEN  
VIOLATED...

- ✓ Rhode Island Legal Services, the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights or HUD are ready to help you file a complaint.
- ✓ After your information is received, Rhode Island Legal Services or the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights will contact you to discuss the concerns you raise.

**If you feel you have been discriminated against, contact:**

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