



# DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING IS PROHIBITED

[labor.mo.gov/discrimination](http://labor.mo.gov/discrimination)

The Missouri Human Rights Act makes it illegal to discriminate in any aspect of housing because of an individual's race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, familial status (children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under the age of 18), or disability.



## Discriminatory housing practices prohibited by the Missouri Human Rights Act include:

- Refusing to rent or sell housing
- Lying about the availability of housing
- Evicting someone from housing
- Sexually harassing tenants
- Discriminating in the terms of housing, such as amount of rent or security deposits, house sale prices, the use of facilities, financing, or maintenance
- Refusing to make a mortgage loan or imposing different terms or conditions on a loan, such as different interest rates, points, or fees
- Discriminating in appraising a property
- Harassing tenants because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, or familial status
- Refusing to allow an individual with a disability to make reasonable modifications to a dwelling to accommodate the disability.

## The Missouri Human Rights Act applies to:

Landlords, rental managers, property owners, real estate agents, bankers, developers, builders, and individual homeowners who are selling or renting property.

The statutory purpose of the Missouri Commission on Human Rights is to prevent and eliminate discrimination based on protected categories under the Missouri Human Rights Act (Act) in employment, housing, and places of public accommodations through education and the enforcement of the Act.

## CONTACT US

Missouri Commission on Human Rights

421 East Dunklin Street  
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573-751-3325

**Toll-free Discrimination  
Complaint Hotline: 877-781-4236  
TDD/TTY: 800-735-2966  
Relay Missouri: 711**



## Take Action File a Complaint

If you believe you have been discriminated against in regard to housing, you can file a complaint of discrimination by calling one of the numbers above or emailing [mchr@labor.mo.gov](mailto:mchr@labor.mo.gov). Note complaints must be filed within **180 days** of the alleged discrimination.

Missouri Commission on Human Rights is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

