

YOU HAVE RIGHTS IN HOUSING.



Discrimination in real estate transactions occurs when a person is denied access to residential or commercial property, or treated differently while renting or buying a property, based on a "protected class" or a particular characteristic that is protected under the law

Examples of housing discrimination based on sexual orientation:

- **Misrepresenting the availability of real property:** Lying about the availability of property that is up for inspection, sale, rental, or lease when the property owner finds out about the applicant's sexual orientation
- **Publication of intent:** Publishing or displaying an ad expressing intent to engage in unlawful discrimination, such as saying that straight couples are preferred
- **Alteration of terms or conditions in property or real estate transactions:** treating people differently in terms of rent amounts, maintenance services, reasons for lease termination, etc., because of sexual orientation

The Illinois Human Rights Act protects persons against unlawful discrimination, coercion, intimidation and retaliation based on a protected class, including sexual orientation, gender identity, race and more. Know Your Rights! If you suspect discrimination, please contact the Illinois Department of Human Rights.