

ABOUT US

Community Legal Aid

is a non-profit organization that provides free civil legal services to low-income and elderly residents of Central and Western Massachusetts.

Fair Housing Project

Community Legal Aid's Fair Housing Project assists renters who have been treated unfairly because of their race, religion, sex (including sexuality, gender identity and expression, and experiences with domestic violence), color, national origin, disability, and familial status in Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Worcester Counties. We can provide legal advice, advocacy, and representation.

The Fair Housing Project also conducts educational workshops on fair housing laws for tenant groups, social service providers, landlords, and other community members and trains civil rights investigators to "test" whether housing providers are unlawfully discriminated against tenants and applicants for housing.

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LGBTQIA+ individuals are protected by both federal and state anti-discrimination laws.

That is because unequal treatment based on an individual's actual or perceived sex assigned at birth, sexuality, gender identity, and gender expression are types of sex-based discrimination under the law.

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Housing providers may be violating fair housing laws if they do the following things because of a person's actual or perceived sex, sexuality, or gender identity/expression.

- 🚫 Refuse to rent or sell a property
- 💰 Charge additional fees or deposits
- ❌ Give false information about the availability of housing
- 🔒 Restrict the use of the amenities that are available to other tenants (e.g., a pool, gym, or clubhouse)

If you think you have been discriminated against, document the interactions you have with the housing provider.



scan this QR code with the camera on your smartphone to be taken to the online intake application.



GET HELP

Talk to a lawyer about your rights. It's FREE!

Reporting Discrimination

- File a complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
- Contact the Mass. Commission Against Discrimination
- Contact us at Community Legal Aid

Report Housing Discrimination to Community Legal Aid:

- Call Us:
855-252-5342
- Apply Online:
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