

Seattle's Fair Housing Laws

It is illegal in the City of Seattle to discriminate against any person because of:

- Race
- Color
- Creed
- Religion
- Ancestry
- National Origin
- Citizenship or Immigration Status
- Age
- Sex
- Marital Status
- Parental Status
- Sexual Orientation
- Gender Identity
- Political Ideology
- Veteran or Military Status
- Section 8 or Other Subsidy
- Alternative Source of Income
- Pregnancy Outcomes
- Disability
- Use of a Service Animal

Anti-Discrimination requires housing providers to:

- Set rules fairly and enforce them equally.
- Respond to all tenant repair requests and concerns equally.
- Provide reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities.
- Prohibit harassment from tenants, staff, and vendors.
- Prevent retaliation against tenants for asserting fair housing rights.

Seattle's First-in-Time law requires housing providers to post information before applications are taken, screen applications in order, and offer tenancy to the first qualified applicant that submits a complete application.

Seattle's Fair Chance Housing law prohibits housing providers from automatically excluding applicants with criminal history. They also cannot ask about, refuse to rent to, or retaliate against an applicant or tenant with a criminal history.

If you believe you have experienced discrimination:

In Seattle, contact:



Seattle
Office for Civil Rights

810 Third Ave, Suite 750
Seattle, WA 98104-1627
Tel: 206-684-4500
TTY: 206-684-4503
seattle.gov/civilrights

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