



The work of our Commission on Human Rights is critical to the success of Rockland County and our residents. The importance of ensuring fair housing cannot be overstated; the community where a person resides determines their levels of access to education, employment, government services and so much more. If you have been a victim of housing discrimination, please contact this Office so they can go to work defending your rights.

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Mission

"The Mission of the Rockland County's Commission on Human Rights is to enforce the NYS Human Rights Law and the County Fair Housing Law, engage in education and outreach to educate the public on their rights and obligations under these laws, and to promote equal opportunity and equal protection to all community residents, as well as good racial and ethnic relations among Rockland's diverse population."



Fair-Housing

**Rockland County Commission
 on Human Rights**
 50 Sanatorium Road,
 Bldg. A, 6th floor
 Pomona, NY 10970
 (845) 364-3995

- ***It is against the law to discriminate in Housing!***

The New York State Human Rights Law prohibits discrimination based on several ‘protected characteristics.’

- Race
- Creed
- Color
- National origin
- Sex
- Age
- Disability
- Marital status
- Military status
- Family status
- Sexual orientation
- Gender identity (as sex and/or disability discrimination)
- Alienage or citizenship status
- Pregnancy or Familial status
- Medical/Health status (including HIV/Aids)
- Victims of Domestic violence, Sexual abuse, stalking
- Wage history

- **WHY** do you think you are a victim of housing discrimination?
- **WHO** do you believe discriminated against you?
- **WHERE** did the alleged act of discrimination occur?
- **WHEN** did the last act of discrimination occur?

- **How to File a Complaint**

If you feel you have been subjected to discrimination in housing based on age, race, color, sex, sexual orientation or national origin, you can file a complaint with the:

- ✓ **Rockland County Commission on Human Rights**
50 Sanatorium Road
Bldg. A, 6th Floor
Pomona, NY 10970
(845) 364-3886
- ✓ **New York State Division on Human Rights**
7-11 South Broadway
Suite #314
White Plains, NY 10601
(914) 989-3120



- **Actions that are Prohibited:**

These laws apply to the sale or rental of housing and Mortgage lending. They cover but are not limited to:

- ✓ Refusing to rent, sell, finance, insure or negotiate for housing;
- ✓ Making housing unavailable;
- ✓ Setting different terms or conditions. Providing unequal services;
- ✓ Printing/circulating discriminatory advertisement;
- ✓ Refusing to provide information for a loan;
- ✓ Harassing, threatening, intimidating or coercing anyone (includes sexual harassment)

- **How can the Commission on Human Rights Help YOU?**

The Human Rights Commission has authority to:

- Investigate your case
- Serve subpoenas
- Provide a legal hearing
- Mediate your case
- Issue a final Determination/Order
- Negotiate Settlement Agreements
- Obtain remedy and monetary damages