

# Know your rights...



... in housing

**An individual may belong to a group that is protected under state and federal law, known as a protected class.**

The protected classes in Connecticut housing law are: race; color; national origin; ancestry; sex; gender identity or expression; sexual orientation; breastfeeding<sup>†</sup>; religious creed; age; disability (mental, intellectual, learning, or physical); marital status; familial status (families with children); and lawful source of income including housing assistance such as Section 8, RAP, or a Security Deposit Guarantee.

**State law prohibits discriminatory acts in housing, such as:**\*

- Refusing to rent, sell, or show you a dwelling based on your protected class
- Refusing to negotiate with you for sale or rental based on your protected class
- Offering different terms/conditions of your tenancy based on your protected class
- To place an advertisement for the sale or rental of a unit that is discriminatory toward your protected class
- Steering you to a specific location based on your protected class
- Representing that an available dwelling is unavailable
- Refusing to allow you to make reasonable modification to structures or refusing to make reasonable accommodations to rules, policies, practices, or services that are needed due to a disability, such as waiving a “no pets” policy for an assistance animal.

**Exceptions may apply but never on the basis of tenants race, color, or national origin.**

\* Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46a-64c; 46a-81e