

Where to File Housing Discrimination Claims

The following table provides general guidance. This is not a guarantee of coverage. Certain exceptions and limitations may apply. You may be able to file your claim with more than one agency. Please telephone an agency if you have questions.

Agencies to Contact	Chicago Commission on Human Relations	Cook County Commission on Human Rights	Illinois Department of Human Rights	U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Types of Discrimination Covered	Race Color Religion Sex (including sexual harassment) National Origin Ancestry Age Disability Marital Status Parental Status Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Source of Income Military Discharge Status	Race Color Religion Sex (including sexual harassment) National Origin Ancestry Age Disability Marital Status Parental Status Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Source of Income Military Discharge Status Housing Status Retaliation Aiding/Abetting Willful Interference	Race Color Religion Sex (including sexual harassment) National Origin Ancestry Age (40 and over) Disability Marital Status Familial Status Sexual Orientation (incl. gender identity) Unfavorable Military Discharge Military Status Order of Protection Status Retaliation Aiding/Abetting Willful Interference and Coercion	Race Color Religion Sex (including sexual harassment) National Origin Disability Familial Status Retaliation Intimidation, Coercion, and Interference
Geographic Limitations	Housing located within the City of Chicago	Housing located within Cook County	Residential and commercial real estate transactions in Illinois	Housing located within U.S. or U.S. territories
Time Limitations	Must file within 180 days of the alleged violation	Must file within 180 days of the alleged violation	Must file within one year of the alleged violation	Must file within one year of the alleged violation
Who Can Be Sued	All persons with right to sell, rent, or lease any housing accommodation within Chicago, & their agents Lenders under credit transaction provisions	All persons with right to sell, rent, lease, or sublease any housing unit within Cook County, & their agents or any agent, broker, or other individual working on behalf of any such individual	Most persons engaging in commercial or residential real estate transactions, including real estate brokers, salespersons, builders, lenders, and appraisers and their agents. Municipalities Advertisers Persons interfering with the exercise of fair housing rights, including neighbors	Most residential housing owners (exceptions: owner-occupied builders with no more than four units, single-family house with no broker, some private organizations), sales and rental agents, builders, lenders and appraisers Municipalities Advertisers

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Kinds of Relief Available	<p>Make whole damages (such as moving expenses, rent differentials and emotional distress damages)</p> <p>Punitive Damages</p> <p>Fines to the City</p> <p>Injunctive Relief (such as order to sell/rent)</p> <p>Attorneys Fees and Costs to prevailing complainant</p>	<p>Make whole damages (such as moving expenses, rent differentials and emotional distress damages)</p> <p>Punitive Damages</p> <p>Fines to the County</p> <p>Injunctive Relief, including emergency relief (such as order to cease eviction or order to sell/rent)</p> <p>Attorneys Fees and Costs to prevailing complainant</p>	<p>Make whole damages (such as moving expenses, rent differentials and emotional distress damages)</p> <p>Fines to State</p> <p>Injunctive Relief, including emergency relief (such as order to cease eviction or order to sell/rent)</p> <p>Attorneys Fees and Costs to prevailing complainant</p>	<p>Make whole damages (such as moving expenses, rent differentials and emotional distress damages)</p> <p>Punitive Damages</p> <p>Fines to Agency</p> <p>Injunctive Relief, including emergency relief (such as order to cease eviction or order to sell/rent)</p> <p>Attorneys Fees and Costs to prevailing complainant</p>
Agency Contact Information	<p>Chicago Commission on Human Relations 740 N. Sedgwick 4th Floor Chicago, IL 60654 (312) 744-2852 (312) 744-1088 (TTY) (312) 744-1081 (FAX)</p>	<p>Cook County Commission on Human Rights 69 W. Washington St. Suite 3040 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-1100 (312) 603-1101 (TDD) (312) 603-9988 (FAX)</p>	<p>Illinois Department of Human Rights James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph 10th Floor; Housing Intake Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 814-6229 (866) 740-3953 (TTY) (800) 662-3942 (Toll free) (312) 814-6251 (FAX) IDHR.FairHousing@illinois.gov</p>	<p>U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity 77 W. Jackson Suite 2101 Chicago, IL 60604 (312) 353-5680 (800) 669-9777 (Toll free hotline) (312) 353-7143 (TTY) (312) 886-2729 (FAX)</p>
Office Hours	<p><u>Filing Hours:</u> Monday through Friday 9:00 - 5:00 (2 copies of all filings required)</p> <p><u>Intake Hours:</u> Monday through Friday 9:00 - 3:00</p>	<p><u>Office Hours:</u> Monday through Friday 8:30 - 5:00</p> <p><u>Intake Hours:</u> Monday through Friday 8:30 - 5:00</p>	<p><u>Office Hours:</u> Monday through Friday 8:30 - 5:00</p> <p><u>Intake Hours:</u> Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 3:00</p>	<p><u>Office Hours:</u> Monday through Friday 8:30 - 5:00</p> <p><u>Intake Hours:</u> Monday through Friday 8:30 - 5:00</p>
Other Forms of Discrimination Covered	<p>Employment Public Accommodations Credit & Bonding Transactions</p>	<p>Employment Public Accommodations Credit Transactions County Facilities, Services and Programs</p>	<p>Employment Public Accommodations Credit Transactions Sexual Harassment in Education</p>	