Military Status Discrimination

Don’t Ignore It—Report it!

Discrimination against current and former members of the U.S. military is illegal.

The law protects active duty military, reservists, and veterans. Discrimination based on military discharge status is also prohibited.

Examples of Military Status Discrimination:

- Rejecting an employment application from a veteran because the employer fears the applicant may have Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and may pose liability and security concerns.
- Denying service at a restaurant, bar or other public place to a veteran or active duty personnel because of the owner’s objection to the customer’s military involvement.
- Rejecting a rental application from a veteran because the landlord assumes the applicant may have PTSD and may pose a risk to others.
- Refusing to accept rent payments from a veteran who is seeking to pay the rent with their GI Bill housing allowance.

If you believe you have been a victim of military status discrimination, don’t ignore it, report it to the CCHR.

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