

Where to File Housing Discrimination/Harassment Claims

This is general guidance and does not guarantee coverage. Certain exceptions and limitations may apply. You may be able to file your claim with more than one agency. Please call with questions.

<i>Agencies to Contact</i>	Chicago Commission on Human Relations (CCHR)	Cook County Commission on Human Rights (CCCHR)	Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR)	U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
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 Status Retaliation	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 Criminal History Housing Status Retaliation Aiding/Abetting Willful Interference	Race Color Religion Sex (including sexual harassment) National Origin Ancestry Age Disability Marital Status Familial Status Sexual Orientation (incl. gender identity) Pregnancy Unfavorable Military Discharge Order of Protection Status Arrest Record Retaliation Aiding/Abetting Coercion Willful Interference	Race Color Religion Sex (including sexual harassment) National Origin Disability Familial Status Retaliation Intimidation Coercion 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 300 days of alleged violation	Must file within 180 days of alleged violation	Must file within one year of alleged violation	Must file within one year of alleged violation
Who Can Be Sued	All persons with right to sell, rent, or lease any housing accommodation within Chicago, and their agents Lenders under credit transaction provisions	All persons with right to sell, rent, lease, or sublease any housing unit within Cook County, and their agents or any agent, broker, or other individual working on behalf of any such individual	Owners, managers, salespersons, real estate brokers, rental agents, or other agents or employees of the owner or the owner's agents Builders and appraisers Mortgage lenders (banks and loan brokers) Any other person engaged in a real estate transaction	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 Fines to the City</p> <p>Injunctive relief (order to sell/rent)</p> <p>Attorney's 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 the County</p> <p>Injunctive relief, including emergency relief (order to cease eviction or order to sell/rent)</p> <p>Attorney's 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 the State</p> <p>Injunctive relief, including emergency relief (order to cease eviction or order to sell/rent)</p> <p>Attorney's 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 Fines to Agency</p> <p>Injunctive relief, including emergency relief (order to cease eviction or order to sell/rent)</p> <p>Attorney's fees and costs to prevailing Complainant</p>
Agency Contact Information	<p>Chicago Commission on Human Relations 740 N. Sedgwick St. Ste. 400 Chicago, IL 60654</p> <p>Phone: 312.744.4111 TTY: 312.744.1088 Fax: 312.744.1081</p> <p>cchrfilings@cityofchicago.org</p>	<p>Cook County Commission on Human Rights 69 W. Washington St. Ste. 1130 Chicago, IL 60602</p> <p>Phone: 312.603.1100 Fax: 312.603.9988</p> <p>Human.rights@cookcountyil.gov</p>	<p>Illinois Department of Human Rights 555 W. Monroe St. Ste. 700 Chicago, IL 60661</p> <p>Phone: 312.814.6229 Fax: 312.814.6251</p> <p>IDHR.FairHousing@illinois.gov</p>	<p>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 77 W. Jackson Blvd. Rm. 2101 Chicago, Illinois 60604</p> <p>Phone: 312.913.8453 Fax: 312.913.8293</p> <p>ComplaintsOffice05@hud.gov</p>
Office Hours	Monday through Friday, except holidays, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (2 copies of all filings required)	Monday through Friday, except holidays, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM	Monday through Friday, except holidays, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM	Monday through Friday, except holidays, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Intake Hours	Monday through Friday, except holidays, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Intake interviews are by appointment only, please call or email to make an intake appointment	Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM	Monday through Friday, except holidays, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Other Discrimination Covered	Employment Public Accommodations Credit and Bonding Transactions	Employment Public Accommodations Credit Transactions County Facilities, Services, and Programs	Employment Public Accommodations Credit Transactions Sexual Harassment in Education	