



FAIR HOUSING DIVISION:

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Fair Housing, Know Your Rights: *Sexual Harassment:*

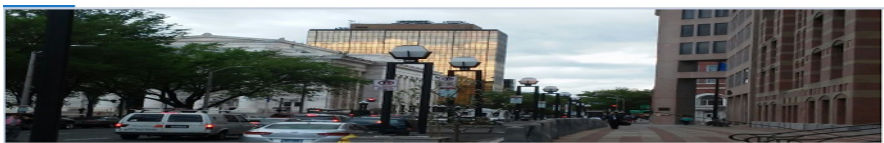
- It is illegal for a landlord or housing employees to make you have sex with him/her by threatening to evict you if you don't.
- It is illegal for a landlord to make unwanted sexual comments to you that make you feel intimidated.
- If you are being sexually harassed by your housing provider, tell him/her to stop.
- Write down what happened to you while it is still fresh in your memory. It is important to have written records.
- It is illegal for a landlord to evict you because you called the police for help.



You have the right to be free from sexual harassment:

The Fair Housing Act makes it unlawful to discriminate in housing on the basis of sex. In recent years, the Department's focus in this area has been to challenge sexual harassment in housing. Women, particularly those who are poor, and with limited housing options, often have little recourse but to tolerate the humiliation and degradation of sexual harassment or risk having their families and themselves removed from their homes. The Department's enforcement program is aimed at landlords who create an untenable living environment by demanding sexual favors from tenants or by creating a sexually hostile environment for them. In this manner we seek both to obtain relief for tenants who have been treated unfairly by a landlord because of sex and also deter other potential abusers by making it clear that they cannot continue their conduct without facing repercussions. In addition, pricing discrimination in mortgage lending may also adversely affect women, particularly minority women. This type of discrimination is unlawful under both the Fair Housing Act and Equal Credit Opportunity Act.

If you feel that you've been victimized by housing discrimination in the City of New Haven, please call LCI at 203-946-7062/7090 for assistance/resources.



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