



# FAIR HOUSING DIVISION:

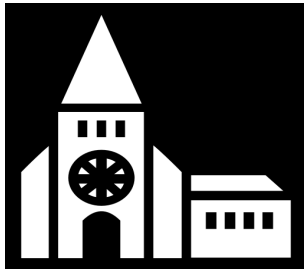
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## Fair Housing, Know Your Rights: *Discrimination in Housing Based on Religion:*

Examples of such discrimination include:

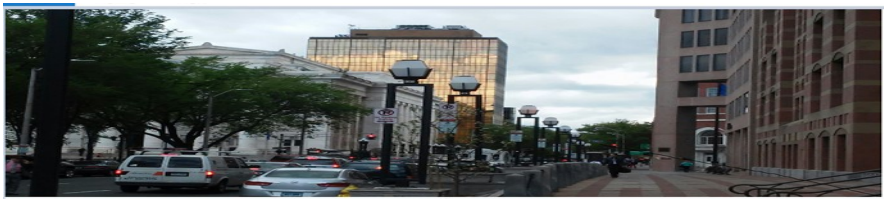
- Applying different terms and conditions of housing because of religion.
- Denying a housing application, a dwelling, or evicting persons because of religion.
- Steering or restricting persons to one area of a building or complex based on religion.
- Housing advertisements stating that persons preferred or not wanted because of religion.



### Discrimination in Housing Based Upon Religion

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based upon religion. This prohibition covers instances of overt discrimination against members of a particular religion as well as less direct actions, such as zoning ordinances designed to limit the use of private homes as places of worship. The number of cases filed since 1968 alleging religious discrimination is small in comparison to some of the other prohibited bases, such as RACE or NATIONAL ORIGIN. The Act does contain a limited exception that allows non-commercial housing operated by a religious organization to reserve such housing to persons of the same religion.

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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