

# FAIR HOUSING



## WHAT IS COVERED?

YOUR HOUSING CHOICES CAN'T BE LIMITED BASED ON:

- RACE
- ANCESTRY
- MARITAL STATUS
- AGE
- COLOR
- DISABILITY
- MILITARY DISCHARGE
- PREGNANCY
- RELIGION
- NATIONAL ORIGIN
- ORDER OF PROTECTION
- SEXUAL ORIENTATION
- SEX
- FAMILIAL STATUS
- ARREST RECORD
- GENDER IDENTITY



## WHO HAS TO OBEY THESE LAWS?

MOST PARTIES INVOLVED IN HOUSING MUST OBEY FAIR HOUSING LAWS:

- LANDLORDS
- HOUSING AUTHORITIES
- HOUSING EMPLOYEES
- SELLERS
- INSURANCE COMPANIES
- NEIGHBORS
- REAL ESTATE AGENTS
- BANKS / LENDERS
- AND OTHERS



## DISCRIMINATION CAN BE OBVIOUS:

- STATEMENTS / ADVERTISING
- INTERFERENCE, THREATS, OR COERCION
- SEXUAL HARASSMENT
- STEERING
- DISCRIMINATORY POLICIES
- RETALIATION



## DISCRIMINATION CAN ALSO BE SUBTLE:

- "UNIVERSAL" RULES THAT ONLY AFFECT A PROTECTED GROUP
- DIFFERENT RENT COSTS FOR DIFFERENT GROUPS
- REQUIRING SPECIAL FEES FROM ONLY CERTAIN GROUPS
- REFUSAL OF REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION / MODIFICATION
- HARASSMENT OR HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT



## WHO CAN I GO TO FOR HELP?

- HUD - FAIR HOUSING: 800-765-9372
- IL DEPT HUMAN RIGHTS - FAIR HOUSING: 312-814-6229
- PRAIRIE STATE LEGAL SERVICES: 855-347-7757

