

When rental advertisements discriminate: What you need to know

Looking
for a
place to
live

Sometimes, rental advertisements can be discriminatory. The Alberta Human Rights Act helps to protect you from discrimination when you are renting a place to live.

Under the Alberta Human Rights Act, you cannot be discriminated against based on your:

- race
- colour
- ancestry
- where you were born
- religious beliefs
- gender
- physical disability
- mental disability
- marital status
- family status
- source of income
- sexual orientation
- gender identity
- gender expression
- age

Here are some examples of discrimination in rental advertisements:

- “No children please”
- “For clean working professionals”
- “Suitable for a mature couple”
- “Must provide proof of employment”
- “Adults only”



Where can I find more information?

The Alberta Human Rights Commission can give you free and confidential information about the Alberta Human Rights Act and how it helps protect you when renting.

Complaints need to be filed in English. You can get assistance from a settlement worker or social services provider. If a hearing is scheduled for your complaint, you can ask the Human Rights Commission to use a language other than English or use an interpreter. You should ask for an interpreter before your hearing.

To contact the Alberta Human Rights Commission, go to:



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www.albertahumanrights.ab.ca

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