

Are you a renter? An introduction to the *Alberta Human Rights Act*

The *Alberta Human Rights Act* helps protect renters from discrimination.



I was discriminated against because of my colour. I set up an appointment to see an apartment for rent. When I got there, the landlord said, "Sorry, I don't rent to people like you."

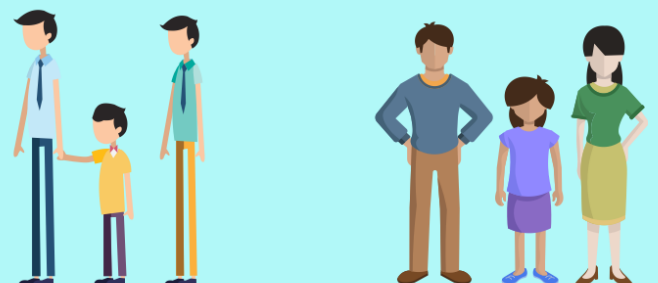


The *Act* protects renters in the area of tenancy. Under the *Act*, you cannot be discriminated against because of these grounds:

- 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**



I was discriminated against because I get income support from the government. I found an apartment that I could afford. But the landlord refused to rent to me. He said, "people like you always cause trouble."



Age is not a protected ground in tenancy.

A landlord can refuse your application because of your age.

Are you a renter?

The Alberta Human Rights Commission can help you if you have been discriminated against.

I think I was discriminated against while I was renting. What can I do?



How do I contact the Alberta Human Rights Commission?



You can get information from the **Alberta Human Rights Commission**

You may decide to file a complaint. Your complaint might be accepted if:

- ✓ The discrimination happened in Alberta
- ✓ You were discriminated against because of protected grounds
- ✓ You make a complaint within one year of the event

To contact the Alberta Human Rights Commission, go to:

www.albertahumanrights.ab.ca

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