



# HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON DISABILITY IS ILLEGAL

**UNDER THE FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING ACT, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, COOK COUNTY, AND CHICAGO HUMAN RIGHTS LAWS, IT IS ILLEGAL FOR LANDLORDS TO DISCRIMINATE BASED ON YOUR DISABILITY. ABOUT 1 IN 10 CHICAGOANS IS A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY. HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON DISABILITY IS THE MOST COMMON TYPE OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION REPORTED.**

Landlords should not:

- Deny you an apartment because you have a disability
- Steer you to a certain unit because you have a disability
- Deny you equal service or access to facilities and common areas
- Refuse to provide you with a reasonable accommodation, or flexibility in rules, policies, practices, or services so that you may enjoy full use of your unit *(an example of a reasonable accommodation is allowing a service animal in a "no pet" building)*
- Refuse to provide a reasonable modification, or a change to the structure of the unit or common area so that you may enjoy full use of your unit *(an example would be allowing you to install grab bars in the bathroom).*

*\*These protections also apply when purchasing a home, or seeking a mortgage loan*

You have the right to live where you choose and enjoy full use of your home!

**IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN FOR AN APARTMENT OR FACED HOUSING BARRIERS DUE TO A DISABILITY, CONTACT NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR ASSISTANCE.**

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