

# DO YOU USE A HOUSING VOUCHER?

It is illegal in Washington, DC for housing providers to discriminate against people because they use housing vouchers. Landlords cannot treat you differently because you have a Housing Choice Voucher, Section 8, VASH, or another type of rent assistance.

Signs of discrimination may include:

- A leasing agent tells you they do not accept vouchers.
- A landlord quotes you a higher rent price because you have a voucher.
- A property manager stops contacting you or tells you the unit has been rented after they learn that you have a voucher.
- A landlord tells you that you must make 3 times the total rent even though you have a voucher.

**You can report housing discrimination to the Equal Rights Center.**

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# HOW CAN THE ERC HELP?

If you suspect you've experienced housing discrimination, the ERC may be able to:

- Advocate on your behalf with a housing provider to address your concerns,
- Assist you with filing a housing discrimination complaint with the DC Office of Human Rights or US Department of Housing and Urban Development,
- Assist people with disabilities with submitting reasonable accommodation or reasonable modification requests to housing providers, and
- Conduct *civil rights testing*: trained civil rights testers pose as potential tenants or buyers to find out if and how discrimination is occurring.

