

# Know Your Rights!

## Housing Subsidy Discrimination

### In MA, it is illegal to:




- Refuse to rent or sell to someone because they use a Section 8 voucher or other housing voucher (MRVP, AHVP, etc).
- Refuse to rent or sell to someone because a person receives some form of public assistance, including welfare, medical assistance, or rental assistance.
- Discriminate against a person because of the requirements of a voucher or public assistance program.

### Examples of Housing Discrimination:

- Landlord saying, "Sorry, this isn't a Section 8 unit." Landlord saying, "Section 8 takes too long; I'll lose rent if I leave the unit vacant for the time it takes to get inspected."
- Landlord refusing to include SSDI as income.
- Housing provider refusing to make repairs to an apartment or taking steps to evict a tenant after failing a Section 8 inspection.
- At lease renewal, housing provider increasing voucher holder's rent more than other tenants without vouchers.

### Do You Believe You've Experience Housing Discrimination?

It can be difficult to know if you've experienced housing discrimination. We're here to help! Contact Mass Fair Housing Center (MFHC) at:

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