

# KNOW YOUR RENTER RIGHTS

## Source of Income Discrimination

Families and individuals who participate in public assistance programs face the challenging task of finding affordable housing in Minneapolis. The Minneapolis Civil Rights Ordinance provides that:



Property Owners CANNOT discriminate against renters who use rent subsidies to pay for housing



Property Owners MUST allow applicants to apply for available housing regardless of whether they are using rent subsidies.



Property Owners MUST assess applicants equally and fairly to determine whether they would be the best tenant for their rental unit.

### What is 'source of income' discrimination in housing?

Source of income discrimination in housing is the negative treatment of individuals or families who use rent subsidies to pay for housing. This negative treatment can include but is not limited to, discouraging a housing application, denying rental of a housing unit, charging additional fees or higher rent, or providing substandard maintenance.

### What is a public assistance program?

A federal, state, or local program or subsidy that provides assistance.

For purposes of the Ordinance, a public assistance program includes, but is not limited to: rental assistance, rent supplements, and Housing Choice Vouchers (also known as and used interchangeably with the term Section 8).

### Do you believe your renter rights may have been violated?

There are 3 ways to file a complaint:



#### PHONE

Call 311 or 612-673-3012



#### ONLINE

[www.minneapolismn.gov/discrimination-complaint-form](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/discrimination-complaint-form)



#### IN PERSON

City of Minneapolis  
Civil Rights Department  
City Hall  
350 S 5th Street Room 239  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

## Renters have a right to fair housing

### Apartment for Rent!

600 sqft.  
1 bed, 1 bath  
no Section 8

#### PROPERTY OWNERS CANNOT:

- ✗ Advertise that they don't accept Section 8
- ✗ Deny you the opportunity to apply
- ✗ Offer different rental terms because you participate in a public assistance program that subsidizes a portion of your rent