

# Commission on Human Rights

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## Brochures and posters explaining Kentuckians' rights to equal opportunity now available in 11 languages and American Braille

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The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights now has civil rights brochures and posters available in 11 languages and in American Braille.

In addition to English, two informational brochures have been published in Bosnian, French, Karen, Kirundi, Russian, Spanish, Somali, Swahili, and Vietnamese. The literature in the language of Arabic is also in production and will be published shortly. The *About Us* and *Fair Housing* brochures are also available in Braille. A Fair Housing poster is available for downloading in English and the listed foreign languages.

“This is a progressive stride in Kentucky’s efforts to reach as many people as possible with information about their rights to equal opportunity in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and to reach as many as possible about the obligation to comply with the laws against discrimination,” said John J. Johnson, executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.

The *About Us Brochure* describes the Kentucky Human Rights Commission authority to enforce the Kentucky Civil Rights Act and other laws that make discrimination illegal. It explains what illegal discrimination is and tells the reader how people in Kentucky are protected from discrimination. It gives instructions and requirements for making a discrimination complaint to the commission. It lists details about the jurisdictions in which discrimination is prohibited and outlines what kinds of discrimination protections are provided by law in each jurisdiction. Discrimination is prohibited in the jurisdictions of Housing, Employment, Public Accommodations, and Financial Transactions.

The *Fair Housing Brochure* describes in detail how people in Kentucky are protected from housing discrimination and explains every person’s fair housing rights to live in the housing they can afford of their choice. The brochure provides details about what actions constitute unlawful discrimination in the area of Housing.

The *Fair Housing Legal Poster* is required by law to be posted in the offices and on the rental sites of real estate agents, landlords, rental companies, rental properties, and property managers in the language of English. However, housing professionals who do business with and assist Kentuckians who speak other languages will find it convenient to also hang the posters in other languages. The posters are now available in the 11 languages.

All these materials are available on the commission website at [kchr.ky](http://kchr.ky). Look for the sidebar on the left of the homepage and click on "Reports and Publications." Find the literature from there via various links. For a professionally printed copy or copies of the materials, call the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights at 1.800.292.5566. TDD telephone number is 502.595.4024.

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The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state authority that enforces the Kentucky and United States Civil Rights acts, which make discrimination illegal. The Kentucky Civil Rights Act protects people from discrimination in the areas of employment, public accommodations, housing, and financial transactions. It prohibits discrimination on the bases of race, color, religion, national origin, disability and gender in all the above areas. It additionally protects people on the basis of familial status in the area of housing, which covers families with children in the household under age 18-years old and covers women who are pregnant. The bases of age, 40-years old and over, and tobacco-smoking status, are additionally protected in the area of employment. It is against the law to retaliate against any person who complains of discrimination to the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.

For help with discrimination, contact the commission at [1.800.292.5566](tel:18002925566). The TDD telephone number is [502.595.4084](tel:5025954084).