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The law protects tenants from illegal discrimination in housing. A landlord cannot discriminate against tenants based on their:

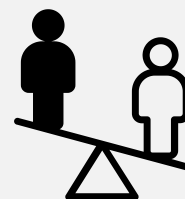
- Religion
- Race
- Color
- National origin
- Age
- Disability



- Source of Income (like whether the person gets Section 8, emergency rental assistance, or gets government benefits)
- Sexual Orientation
- Gender Identity or Expression
- Familial or marital status

Acts of discrimination include:

- Refusing to rent to a tenant
- Refusing to let a potential tenant view a property
- Giving a different price for housing or asking for different payments
- Changing terms, conditions, or privileges in a lease
- Falsely telling someone there are no rentals available
- Refusing to accommodate a disability, unless it would cause the landlord undue hardship
- Evicting a tenant
- Harassing, intimidating, or threatening a person



If you think you've been discriminated against, you can contact a Fair Housing Center in your area for help. The centers in Michigan are:

- [Fair Housing Center of Southeast and Mid Michigan](#)
- [Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit](#)

Learn more about what eviction is and how it starts from Michigan legal Help

michiganlegalhelp.org/resources/housing/eviction-what-it-and-how-does-it-start



SOURCES AND MORE INFORMATION

- **Homeless and Housing Resource Center:** Eviction Prevention: A Toolkit for Tenants and Service Providers: hhrctraining.org/system/files/paragraphs/download-file/file/2024-07/HHRC_Eviction_Prevention_Toolkit_508.pdf

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You have the right to a free lawyer. If you are in the 36th district with a court date check out the City of Detroit Office of Eviction Defense here: [Link](#)

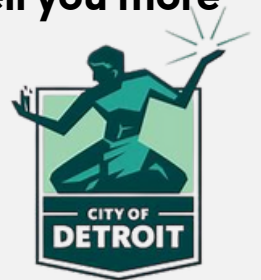
City of Detroit Office of Eviction Defense - Right To Counsel

In the City of Detroit, there's a law called **Right-to-Counsel** (RTC) that helps people who rent their homes and are facing eviction. **This law gives the renters or tenants the right to have a lawyer for free to help them in court.**

The Office of Eviction Defense works with local legal services to make sure that tenants going to the 36th District Court for eviction cases can **get free legal help and protect their rights**. If you have a court date related to your landlord or tenant situation at the 36th District Court, you should go to the hearing. **Their free lawyers will be there to support you and tell you more about your rights under the RTC law.**

Call the Detroit Housing Resource helpline at **(866) 313-2520**.

Website: detroitmi.gov/departments/law-department/office-eviction-defense-right-counsel



Lakeshore Legal Aid

Lakeshore Legal Aid is a not-for-profit law firm providing a range of free civil legal services, including eviction, to people living with low income, older adults, and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in our communities.

Phone Number: (888) 783-8190.

Or **apply online** anytime.

Website: lakeshorelegalaid.org/services/



SOURCES AND MORE INFORMATION

- [Michigan Legal Help: Tenant Rights and Responsibilities](#)
- City of Detroit Office of Eviction Defense: [/detroitmi.gov/departments/law-department/office-eviction-defense-right-counsel](http://detroitmi.gov/departments/law-department/office-eviction-defense-right-counsel)

