

FAIR HOUSING LAWS VS. TENANT / LANDLORD LAWS

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

Which issues are covered by tenant-landlord laws?

Tenant-landlord laws address a wide variety of topics, such as:

- returning a security deposit
- breaking, ending or changing a lease
- landlord entry
- repairs
- eviction
- retaliation
- dealing with noisy neighbors

Where Can I Get Help?

Tenant Resource Center, located in Madison, offers the following services to tenants and landlords throughout Wisconsin:

- Information about your rights and obligations under state law and local ordinances
- Copies of leases, rental applications and other useful forms and sample letters
- Referrals to private attorneys, legal services and other agencies
- Publications for tenants and landlords
- Mediation for tenants and landlords in eviction court or in other rental disputes (Dane County only)

Tenant Resource Center (608) 242-7406

Legal Action of WI at (800) 362-3904

Which issues are covered by fair housing laws?

Fair housing laws address illegal discrimination in the housing market due to:

- race
- color
- sex
- national origin/ancestry
- religion
- family status (household composition, including presence of children in a household)
- disability
- age
- marital status
- sexual orientation
- lawful source of income
- victim of domestic violence

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- **City of Beloit** at (608) 364-6705
- **State of Wisconsin** at (608) 266-6860
- **US Dept of Housing and Urban Development** at (414) 227-4384