



Alaska State Commission for Human Rights

Enforcing Alaska's Human Rights Laws

What is the Human Rights Commission?

The Alaska State Commission for Human Rights is the state agency that enforces the Alaska Human Rights Law, [AS 18.80](#). The Commission consists of [seven commissioners](#) appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature. The Commission employs a staff and maintains an office in Anchorage. The Commission has statewide powers, and accepts and investigates [complaints](#) from individuals across all regions of the state.

For information on the complaint process, including how to file a complaint, [click here](#).

Mission Statement

"Discrimination not only threatens the rights and privileges of the inhabitants of the state, but also menaces the institutions of the state and threatens peace, order, health, safety, and general welfare of the state and its inhabitants. Therefore, it is the policy of the state and the purpose of this chapter to eliminate and prevent discrimination. It is also the policy of the state to encourage and enable physically and mentally disabled persons to participate fully in the social and economic life of the state and to engage in remunerative employment."

-- Alaska Human Rights Law, [AS 18.80.200](#).

In Alaska it is illegal to discriminate in:

- Employment
- Places of Public Accommodation
- Sale or Rental of Real Property
- Financing and Credit
- Practices by the State or its Political Subdivisions

Because of:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Sex
- National Origin
- Physical or Mental Disability

And in some instances because of:

- Age
- Marital Status
- Changes in Marital Status
- Pregnancy
- Parenthood