

## Washington State Law Prohibits Discrimination in Employment

# The law prohibits unfair employment practices based on the following protected classes:

• Race	<ul> <li>Age (40 years of age and older)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Honorably discharged veteran or military status</li> </ul>
• Color	• HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C status	<ul> <li>Retaliation for filing a whistleblower complaint with the state auditor</li> </ul>
National Origin	Marital status	
• Sex	<ul> <li>Pregnancy or maternity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Retaliation for filing a nursing home abuse complaint</li> </ul>
• Creed	<ul> <li>Sexual orientation or gender identity</li> </ul>	Retaliation for opposing an unfair practice
• Disability	<ul> <li>Use of a service animal by a person with a disability</li> </ul>	

#### PROHIBITED UNFAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES:

## AN EMPLOYER OF EIGHT (8) OR MORE EMPLOYEES MAY NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF A PROTECTED CLASS. FOR EXAMPLE, AN EMPLOYER CANNOT:

- Refuse to hire you or discharge you from employment.
- Discriminate in compensation of other terms or conditions of employment.
- Print, circulate, or use any discriminatory statement, advertisement, publication, job application form.
- Make any inquiry in connection with prospective employment that is discriminatory.

### LABOR UNIONS MAY NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF A PROTECTED CLASS. FOR EXAMPLE, A LABOR UNION CANNOT:

• Deny membership or membership rights and privileges.

• Expel from membership.

• Failing to represent a person in the collective bargaining unit.

### EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES MAY NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF A PROTECTED CLASS. FOR EXAMPLE, AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY MAY NOT

- Discriminate in classification or referrals for employment.
- Print or circulate any discriminatory statement, advertisement, or publication.
- Use discriminatory employment application forms, or inquiries made in connection with prospective employment.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST PLEASE CONTACT THE WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:

1-800-233-3247 Voice or 1-800-300-7525 TTY

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