

Safe Re-Entry Housing

90 percent of women in Illinois prisons are survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault

1. I need a safe space to sleep tonight.

You can access emergency shelter by live chat at the-network.org or by calling the 24/7 IL DV Hotline at 877-863-6338

2. I want help to stay safe from a particular person.

Court Order of Protection

Protective orders are not the right choice for everyone, but they can:

- Remove someone from your home
- Stop harassing behavior
- Order someone to not contact you
- Set temporary care of a minor and visitation
- Protect property and pets

Safe Homes Act

- Helps you change your locks and end your lease

3. I'm looking for a more general guide to affordable reentry housing.

The Illinois Prison Project Reentry Guide covers housing resources illinoisprisonproject.org/resources

5. I want to move to a safer place, but my rental application was denied because of an arrest or conviction.

Just Housing Ordinance

In Cook County, it prevents denial of housing based on:

- an arrest or juvenile conviction or
- a conviction more than three years old.

Housing providers also have to follow very specific rules before and after asking about your record.

Fair Housing Act

Outside of Cook County, may protect against overly broad background screening policies.

4. I want to apply to subsidized housing.

Violence Against Women Act

Prohibits denials because the applicant is a survivor, including for an arrest, conviction, or other factor related to the abuse

Questions about your legal options?

Call CARPLS at 312-738-9200 for free legal advice and referrals.



Are you coming home and concerned about safety?

There are legal tools and resources to help.