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MTA Lawsuit

You may have already heard in the news or on our Facebook or Twitter page that CIDNY is the lead plaintiff in two lawsuits about subway elevators. The lawsuits argue that failure to provide and maintain subway elevators violates the ADA and NYC Civil Rights law.

Transportation access is the biggest barrier to employment for people with disabilities after discrimination. Lack of subway elevators or elevator outages with no signage or assistance limit our ability to get to work, to health care appointments or to simply enjoy the city like everyone else.

If you have a subway elevator story, please email us at info@cidny.org. You can also join our Consumer Action Network to help with advocacy efforts.

Fair Housing Facts

Did You Know the Fair Housing Act Protects Your Rights?

- Did a realtor/landlord say they didn't have an apartment when you knew they did?
- Did a landlord say you couldn't have an accommodation, like grab bars in the bathroom or a ramp to the building?

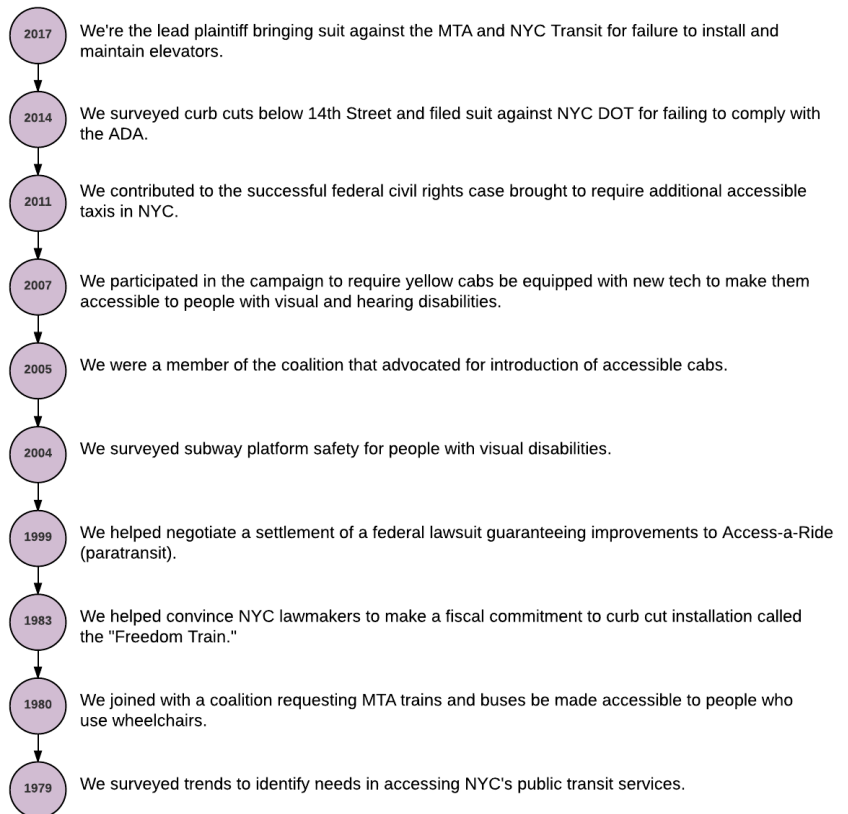
If you answer yes to either question, the Fair Housing Act may protect you. CIDNY can help you understand your rights, file complaints and refer you to pro bono attorneys who can help. Please call 212-674-2300 and ask for a Fair Housing counselor. If you are facing housing discrimination, CIDNY can help.



Source of Income Discrimination

In New York City there is a law that prevents discrimination based on source of income. Discrimination based on source of income is when a landlord, realtor, or management company refuses to rent to you because

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you receive a subsidy like Section 8, LINC, SSI, SSDI, or a subsidy from any other government source. CIDNY is very interested in finding out if this has happened to you. In order to hold the landlord, realtor, or management company responsible, it is important that you give us as much information as possible. The information needed is:

- The name of the landlord, realtor, or management company;
- Their address;
- The address of the apartment you hoped to rent;
- The phone number which you called to find out about the apartment (if you did so by phone);
- A phone number where we can contact you;
- The subsidy which you are receiving; and
- The date you were refused by the landlord, realtor or management company.

If you have a story and are willing to tell us about it, please

CIDNY CONSUMER ACTION NETWORK MEETING

Getting Ready for Legislative Disability Awareness Day in Albany on Monday, May 22

Preparation: Wednesday, May 10, Queens Office 1:00-3:00

Wednesday, May 17 Manhattan Office 1:00-3:00.

You must attend one of these trainings to go to Albany.

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New York State Legislative Update

Lawmakers finalized the state budget in early April. Some of the outcomes of the issues that CIDNY consumers and staff raised at their visits with legislators in February include:

- Community Health Advocates was funded at \$3.5 million, an increase of \$250,000 from last year.
- The legislature rejected increased premiums for




Essential Plan enrollees with incomes below 150% FPL in the budget and in a "side letter" the Executive agreed not to increase existing cost-sharing.

- The budget funds a wage increase for home care workers in the Medicaid Consumer Directed Personal Assistant Program who help many people with disabilities remain independent in their communities.
- There was no override of the 20 visit limit on Medicaid physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy. Stand alone legislation will be introduced.
- Long-term Carte Ombudsprogram funding was not increased.
- Independent Living Centers did not receive an increase in funding.
- The legislature restored the nursing home bed-hold payments for therapeutic leaves of absence at a 95% payment rate for up to 14 days annually, but it has been eliminated for resident hospitalizations.
- The legislature kept "prescriber prevails" protections for consumers.
- The legislature once again also preserved Spousal and Parental Refusal.



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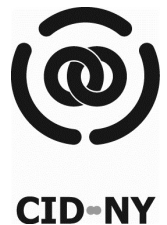
May 2017 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 International Workers Day 	2	3	4 Walk-in Day 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Writer's Workshop 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm	5	6
7	8 Walk-in Day 10:00 am to 1:30 pm Queens Walk-in Day 10:00 am to 3:00 pm	9 Walk-in Day 10:00 am to 1:30 pm	10 CAN Meeting—Queens Prepare for Albany! 1:00-3:00pm	11 Walk-in Day 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Writer's Workshop 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm	12	13
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21	22 LEGISLATIVE DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY—ALBANY Office closed	23 Walk-in Day 10:00 am to 1:30 pm Special Tour—Signature Theatre 1:00pm RSVP required	24 Housing Workshop— Queens 10am Green Market Tasting Manhattan office 2-4pm	25 Walk-in Day 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Writer's Workshop 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm	26	27
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May 2017 Events



Join CIDNY for Education and Fun

Need help? Walk in to get the help you need. Staff will be available during these times for housing and benefits-related help.

Walk-In Days—Manhattan

Every Monday and Tuesday, 10:00 am to 1:30 pm
Every Thursday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Walk-In Day—Queens

Every Monday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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Consumer Action Network (CAN)

Wednesday, May 10, Queens Office 1:00-3:00
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Housing Workshop - Queens Wednesday, May 24 10:00 am to noon.
CIDNY's 2-hour housing workshop covers: housing options: NYCHA, HPD, HUD listings; NYC Housing Connect and other programs; what you qualify for; income and family size; and how to get and go over your credit report.

Space is limited: 646-442-1520 to reserve your spot. Also, let us know if you need an accommodation like American Sign Language or large print.

Our Popular Writer's Workshop—Manhattan

Every Thursday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

Signature Theatre Tour

Tuesday, May 23 1:00-3:00pm

Join us to see the stages and amenities at Signature Theatre, 480 W 42nd St. Sleek, Frank Gehry-designed performing arts venue with 3 theaters, a cafe & a bookstore. This tour is especially for CIDNY consumers. We'll take a look at the site, which is accessible, learn about the plays and then have a soft drink or coffee/tea at the café. You must RSVP by Wednesday, May 17.

Green Market Tasting!

Wednesday, May 24 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Learn about Health Bucks and how to use vouchers or EBT at the Greenmarket. We'll try a sample of seasonal foods, learn about recipes and take some recipes home.

Movie Night: SELMA

Friday, May 19, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Stars: David Oyelowo, Carmen Ejogo, Tim Roth

A chronicle of Martin Luther King's campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965.

Refreshments will be served. Also vote for next month's movie! RSVP by Monday, May 15. Call Eva at 646-442-4156. Let her know if you need an accommodation, like Hearing Loop, or captioning. Please remember that CIDNY is a scent free office—no perfume or scented lotions, as an accommodation to our consumers and staff.



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