The Missouri Human Rights Act makes it illegal to discriminate in any aspect of employment because of an individual’s race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, or age (40 through 69).

An employment agency includes any person or agency, public or private, regularly undertaking with or without compensation to procure employees for an employer or to procure for employees opportunities to work for an employer.

**THE MISSOURI HUMAN RIGHTS ACT APPLIES TO:**

- Private employers with six or more employees.
- All employment agencies.
- All apprenticeship or training programs.
- All state and local government agencies.
- All labor organizations.

**DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES PROHIBITED BY THE MISSOURI HUMAN RIGHTS ACT INCLUDE:**

- Hiring and firing; compensation, assignment, or classification of employees; transfer, promotion, layoff, or recall; job advertisements, recruitment, testing, use of company facilities, training, and apprenticeship programs; fringe benefits, pay, retirement plans, or disability leave; or other terms and conditions of employment.

- Harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, or age.

- Retaliating against an individual for filing a complaint of discrimination, participating in a discrimination investigation or hearing, or opposing discriminatory practices.

- Discriminating in any aspect or employment against an individual because of the individual’s association with a person in one of the protected categories.