

Table IV-1 Equal Protection Tests

Test	Example of Applicability	Validity Standard
Rational basis scrutiny	Age discrimination	The law must be a <i>reasonable</i> measure designed to achieve a <i>legitimate</i> government purpose.
Intermediate or heightened scrutiny test	Sex discrimination	The law must be <i>substantially related</i> to the achievement of an <i>important</i> government objective.
Strict scrutiny	Race discrimination	The law must be the <i>least restrictive</i> means available to achieve a <i>compelling</i> state interest.