

## If you have questions about your housing rights, HRC can help.

The Housing Rights Center (HRC) is the nation's largest local, nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting housing discrimination.

Since 1986, HRC has identified and addressed the challenges of housing discrimination, and continues to expand and diversify its services and programs to meet the residents' evolving Fair Housing needs.

State & federal fair housing laws protect all of us from discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, familial status, marital status, disability, ancestry, age, source of income, and other characteristics protected by law.

HRC provides residents within the **Los Angeles and Ventura Counties** with services including:

- (1) **Housing Counseling** (free)
- (2) **Outreach & Education** (free)
- (3) **Fair Housing Certification Trainings** for housing providers and professionals.

## Contact Us

*During the COVID-19 pandemic, HRC is providing all services online and by phone.*

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## LGBTQ+

## & Fair Housing

You are protected from discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender expression, and gender identity.



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# Know Your Rights

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## Sexual Orientation Discrimination

The **California Fair Employment & Housing Act (FEHA)** makes it illegal for landlords to discriminate against individuals who are gay, lesbian, or bisexual. The law also protects those who are perceived to be gay, lesbian, or bisexual, no matter what their sexual orientation.

## Gender Identity/Expression Discrimination

Fair housing laws also protect individuals who are transgender or who do not conform to gender stereotypes. It is illegal to deny housing, impose unequal terms or treatment, or harass tenants based on their gender identity or expression.

## HIV/AIDS Status Discrimination

It is illegal for housing providers to discriminate against individuals based on their perceived HIV/AIDS status. In addition, tenants living with HIV/AIDS have fair housing protections based on disability and may be entitled to certain accommodations.

## Homeless Shelters & Transitional Housing

It is illegal for a homeless shelter or program to refuse to admit someone based on their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. It is also illegal to deny an individual housing that is consistent with their gender identity.

## Retaliation

It is illegal for a landlord or manager to retaliate against a tenant because that tenant exercised their housing rights. Forms of illegal retaliation may include actions like: discriminatory behavior, increasing the rent, or creating a hostile living environment.

## Hate Crimes

Landlords must intervene when they know a tenant is being harassed, threatened, or assaulted by other tenants based on their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. They can be held liable in court if they do not take action.

# Stand Up Against Hate

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## Examples of Discrimination:

- Making derogatory comments
- Refusing to rent to same-sex couples
- Refusing to use an individual's preferred name and/or gender pronoun

## Report Discrimination When You See It

The Housing Rights Center investigates reports of housing discrimination and provide victims of discrimination with information about their rights, responsibilities, and legal options.

If you or anyone you know has been a victim of housing discrimination, contact the Housing Rights Center immediately.

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