

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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What is Fair Housing?

Learn how you are protected from housing discrimination in California and nationally.



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Fair Housing Laws



Federal Laws

Fair housing means that you have the right to live where you choose without fear of discrimination based on your personal characteristics. Specific characteristics, called "protected classes," are covered under federal law.

These protected classes include:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Sex (Gender)
- National Origin
- Familial Status
- Disability



California Laws

The **California Fair Employment & Housing Act (FEHA)** and other state laws provide protections based on additional characteristics.

In California, additional protected classes include:

- Marital Status
- Ancestry
- Source of Income
- Gender Identity/Expression
- Sexual Orientation
- Medical Condition
- Military/Veteran Status
- Genetic Information

Common Examples of Housing Discrimination

Refusing to rent or sell housing to someone because of their **race**.

Prohibiting **children** from being outside in common areas or enforcing a curfew that only applies to children.

Refusing to do timely repairs for tenants of a particular **nationality**.

Refusing to rent to someone because their primary **source of income** is Section 8, social security, or another form of government assistance.

Refusing to allow a **tenant with disabilities** to have a service animal or caregiver in their apartment.

Utilizing advertisements that suggest a preference for a certain type of person, for example, "**quiet home ideal for single professionals**" or "**suitable for good Christian families.**"

Threatening to evict a tenant if she doesn't **perform a sexual act**.

Harassing a tenant on the basis of their **sexual orientation** or **gender identity**.

Threatening to **call ICE on a tenant as retaliation** for requesting a repair.

Why Should I Report Discrimination?

Because...

- Many acts of discrimination can only be investigated if someone reports them.
- Fair housing laws protect you from retaliation by your landlord if you report discrimination.
- Discrimination is illegal.
- Reporting discrimination is the first step to stopping it in your community.
- Reporting discrimination promotes long-term benefits for everyone. The laws that protect another person today may be the laws that will protect you tomorrow.

If you believe you are a victim of housing discrimination or have questions about your rights, please contact HRC for more information.

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