



The Housing Rights Center's (HRC) mission is to actively support and promote freedom of residence through education, advocacy and litigation, to the end that all persons have the opportunity to secure the housing they desire and can afford, without discrimination based on their race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, familial status, marital status, disability, ancestry, age, source of income, or other characteristics protected by law.

Since 1968, HRC has identified and addressed the challenges of housing discrimination without interruption, and continues to expand and diversify its services and programs to meet the need and ever changing issue of fair housing.

HRC provides residents within the Los Angeles and Ventura Counties with free (1) housing discrimination investigation, (2) enforcement and impact litigation, (3) outreach and public education, and (4) landlord-tenant counseling.

Call HRC today to learn about your rights and responsibilities.

## Housing Rights Center

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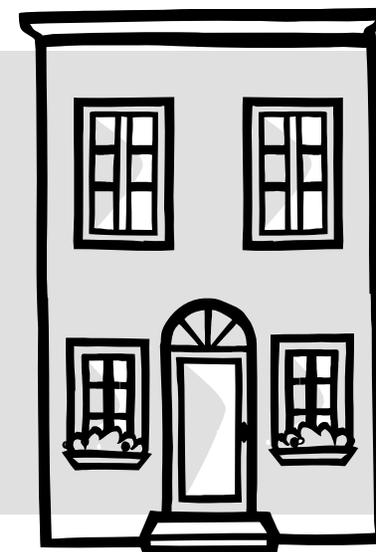
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**FAIR HOUSING  
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

## What is Fair Housing?



**The Federal and State  
Fair Housing Laws**

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Fair Housing means that you have the right to live where you choose without fear of discrimination based on your personal characteristics.

### Federal and State Laws Prohibit Discrimination Based on the Following Characteristics:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Gender
- National Origin
- Familial Status (*\*Families with children under 18 yrs. old*)
- Physical and/or Mental Disability
- Sexual Orientation
- Marital Status
- Ancestry
- Age
- Source of Income
- Gender Identity & Gender Expression
- Genetic Information
- Or Other Arbitrary Basis

## Common Examples of Housing Discrimination

Refusing to rent or sell housing to some-one because of their race.

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

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

Using advertisements that express or suggest a rental preference, for example, “ideal for single working professionals” or “Jewish only”.

Harassing a tenant on the basis of his or her sexual orientation or gender identity.

Refusing to provide homeowners insurance coverage for a dwelling because of the race of the owner and/or occupants of a dwelling.

Refusing to rent a second-floor unit to a family with children.

Refusing to allow a tenant with disabilities to have a service animal in his or her unit.

## Why Should I Report Housing Discrimination?

### BECAUSE...

- Many acts of discrimination can only be investigated if someone reports them.
- The law protects you from retaliation by your landlord if you report discrimination under the fair housing laws.
- 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.
- It is against the law.

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