Fair Housing for Tenants

What is Fair Housing?

Fair Housing means you have the right to live where you choose without fear of discrimination based on your protected characteristics. Fair Housing laws apply to all types of housing, including accessory dwelling units (ADUs), apartments, single-family homes, duplexes, condominiums, mobile home parks, residential motels, and emergency shelters.

Protected characteristics include:

- Race and/or Color
- Gender
- Physical and/or Mental Disability
- Sexual Orientation
- Age
- Religion
- Familial Status
- Marital Status
- Primary Language
- Ancestry and/or National Origin
- Source of Income
- Military or Veteran Status
- Or Other Arbitrary Bias

Housing Discrimination can look like:

- Refusal to sell, rent or lease housing.
- Denial of a home loan or homeowner's insurance.
- Refusing to rent to a tenant with a Section 8 voucher.
- Advertisements that express a preference.
- Refusal to do timely repairs.
- Rules that place restrictions only on families with children.
- Refusing to rent to anyone with a criminal history.
- Screening prospective tenants in a way that discriminates based on a protected characteristic.
- Retaliation against someone for filing a complaint with the Civil Rights Department (CRD).

Steps to Reporting Housing Discrimination:

If you feel you have been a victim of housing discrimination or would like to obtain additional information about the federal and state fair housing laws, please contact the Housing Rights Center.

Housing Rights Center Contact Information
Toll-Free (800) 477-5977
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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FAIR HOUSING PLEASE VISIT:

URL: https://lcf.ca.gov/fair-housing/