

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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Landlords & Fair Housing

Learn about your rights and responsibilities as a housing provider.



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If You've Ever Said...

"We don't allow kids on the second floor."

"We don't take Section 8."

"No pets allowed. No exceptions."

You may have violated the law.

Civil rights laws protect all of us. We have the right to inherit, purchase, lease, sell, hold, or convey real property. Property owners and their agents have the right to choose the most qualified prospective tenants.

However, considerations such as race, color, religion, gender, national origin, familial status, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, marital status, ancestry, age, source of income, or arbitrary characteristics cannot influence tenant selection or be the basis for differential treatment.

Liability for breaking fair housing laws flows upward. You are liable for any unlawful acts committed by the people you employ, including management companies, managers, and contractors. "I didn't know" is not a valid defense.

To protect yourself and your investment, it is important to know and understand your Fair Housing rights and responsibilities.

Contact HRC to learn more.

As a Property Owner or Manager...

...you have the right to:

- Request a complete rental application.
- Require a reasonable monthly income.
- Require tenants to comply with building rules and conditions.
- Screen potential tenants based on objective qualifications.

...you must:

- Consider all applicants equally.
- Not indicate any preferences when advertising or showing properties.
- Give all applicants accurate, complete occupancy dates and rental terms or conditions and information about other available units.
- Allow reasonable accommodations or modifications for people with disabilities, such as allowing a service or emotional support animal.
- Refrain from making written or verbal inquiries about an applicant's race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, familial status or other personal characteristics.

Fair Housing Means:

People have the right to choose where to live without fear of discrimination based on their personal characteristics.

It's illegal to base your rental decisions on the following protected characteristics:

- Age
- Gender
- Religion
- Ancestry
- Marital Status
- National Origin
- Arbitrary Reasons
- Primary Language
- Sexual Orientation/Identity/Expression
- Disability (Physical or Mental)
- Source of Income e.g. Section 8
- Familial Status
- Race/Color
- Immigration/Citizenship Status
- Gender

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