

If you are denied an opportunity to rent a home or apartment—or given false information about a rental—because of your national origin, you are a victim of illegal housing discrimination.

It is also illegal for landlords or other housing providers to treat in-place residents or their guests differently because of national origin.

NATIONAL ORIGIN



### SIGNS & EXAMPLES OF RENTAL HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON NATIONAL ORIGIN

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- ❖ You were told one thing on the phone, but the information changed when you visited the property.
- ❖ A landlord or management company refused to accept your application because you could not provide a social security number or state identification card.
- ❖ You were promised an answer on your application, but no one called you back, and no one returned your calls.
- ❖ Management enforces community rules differently—or fails to make needed repairs—for residents believed to be from certain countries, regions, or cultural groups.
- ❖ A new owner or manager is evicting or terminating tenants of certain national origin groups in order to replace them with members of other national origin groups.

### IF YOU SUSPECT ILLEGAL HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON NATIONAL ORIGIN

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Contact the *GBLA Fair Housing Law Project (FHLP)* at Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance.

**Phone:** 661-334-4679 or 855-746-7958 (toll free and California Relay Service)

**Email:** [fairhousing@gbla.org](mailto:fairhousing@gbla.org)

**Website:** [www.GBLAfairhousing.org](http://www.GBLAfairhousing.org)

- ❖ FHLP will interview you to find out what happened and advise you of your rights and options.
- ❖ In appropriate cases, FHLP will conduct an investigation to determine if there is evidence of illegal housing discrimination.
- ❖ If FHLP's investigation reveals evidence of housing discrimination, we can assist you in filing a complaint with the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) or the California Dept. of Fair Employment & Housing (DFEH), provide you with legal representation, attempt to resolve the matter through negotiation or landlord education, or take other appropriate steps.

IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR HOUSING PROVIDERS TO DENY HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES OR TREAT PEOPLE DIFFERENTLY BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RELIGION, SEX, FAMILIAL STATUS, DISABILITY, ANCESTRY, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, SOURCE OF INCOME, AGE, OR ARBITRARY CHARACTERISTICS.